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LATEST TELEGRAMS

FIGHTING IN RHODESIA.

BULUWAYO, Sept. 5.—Two thousand Matabele are reported to have assembled at Crewe's Farm, 10 miles north-west of Buluwayo. A grain patrol, consisting of 5 whites and 70 friendlies, has been attacked by 800 rebels at Red Bank. The enemy captured all the friendlies, with their women and children. A patrol 150 strong left for the Matoppos yesterday evening to attack the rebels, who are stated to be encamped 12 miles west of Shiloh. Native Commissioner Fynn reports that Hlawindlani's people have been attacked by rebels from Insiza, who killed the men and a number of the women and children, and carried off the remainder of the women to the hills. Maj. Ridley, on reaching Thabas Amamba, found it entirely vacated by the enemy. It had apparently not been occupied since the battle on Aug. 5. Capt. Shadwell is in hospital, suffering from dysentery. Many waggons have been stranded on the road between Buluwayo and Mafeking.—REUTER.

GWELO, Sept. 5.—Col. Paget, of the 7th Hussars, has arrived here. He reports that he engaged Mongola yesterday, and that Bevan was wounded and a Cape boy killed.—REUTER.

OFFICIAL DESPATCHES.

The following telegram was received by the Secretary of State for the Colonies last evening from Lord Rosmead:—"Sept. 5. Following telegrams received from Carrington:—First begins: Alderson reports patrol sent to Chishawasha district. Visited numerous kraals to the N. of Campbell's. Had skirmish Aug. 31, killing 5 rebels and capturing 3 women and grain. On Sept. 11 took Keiss' kraal, capturing a few cattle, goats, and some grain. Casualties as reported yesterday. Second telegram begins:—Chief Native Commissioner reports 9 heads of families came into friendly chief Gambo, on Guai River. Spies report impi at Redbank. Dispersed and retired N. towards Guai. Officer commanding at Salisbury reports Makoni still in caves with 100 men. Eleven men and 80 women of his people have surrendered. Lieut. M'Queen reports large numbers of Matoppo rebels return to kraals, tired of war, near head of Umchabez River.

[Other news from Rhodesia will be found on page 7.]

THE PHILIPPINE RISING.

PRISONERS CONDEMNED AND SUMMARILY SHOT.

MADRID, Sept. 5.—A telegram from Manila, received by the Minister of Marine, states that the insurgents entrenched at Novaletta, on the isthmus of the Cavite Peninsular, have been attacked by Spanish gunboats. A column is also prepared to pursue them on land. It is believed at the Ministry of Marine that the reinforcements, numbering 400 men, summoned from Mindanao, will not arrive at Manila until Monday next, and that the military operations against the rebel bands in the various provinces of the island of Luzon will not commence before next week. Senor Castellano, Minister of the Colonies, states that persons of importance have been arrested at Manila, but he refuses to give their names. The report that German merchants are among those compromised in the insurrection appears to be confirmed. The "Correo" announces that 4 prisoners have been condemned to death by court-martial at Manila and shot, while 200 rebels have been transported to the Marianne and Caroline Islands.—REUTER.

FIRE IN THE SUEZ CANAL.

PORT SAID, Sept. 5.—The Glen Line steamer Glenartney, bound for Yokohama, which had been on fire since yesterday at Kilometer 100, was sunk this morning, the flames thereby being extinguished. The amount of the damage is unknown.—REUTER.

COUNT SHOUVALOFF

WARSAW, Sept. 5.—The condition of Count Shouvaloff has become appreciably worse, and a crisis is believed to be imminent.—REUTER.

THE CZAR AT BRESLAU.

BRESLAU, Sept. 5.—The Czar and Czarina arrived here at 10 minutes to 9 this morning. Their Majesties were met at Brieg, which was reached shortly after 8 by the Russian Ambassador and the officers specially deputed to be in attendance upon the Imperial visitors during their stay. At the railway station here the Czar and Czarina were received by the German Emperor and Empress and the princes and princesses of the Royal House. Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and the civil and military authorities were also present. After very cordial greetings had been exchanged between their Majesties, the 2 Emperors passed down the front of the guard of honour to the strains of the Russian National Anthem. The Imperial party then left the station, the Czar driving with the German Emperor and the Czarina with the Empress, escorted by detachments of cavalry.—REUTER.

STAGE-STRUCK COUNTESSES

BUDA PESTH, Sept. 5.—A great sensation has been created in society circles by the announcement that the 3 young daughters of Count Basquez, all of whom are countesses in their own right, have decided to go on the music hall stage. The young ladies are aged 15, 16, and 17 respectively, and are not yet out of the schoolroom. They have already signed articles for several years' training and performances.—DALZIEL.

THE MANCHURIAN RAILWAY.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 5.—A French syndicate has secured the contract from the Chinese Imperial Government for the construction of the Manchurian Railway. The contract has been signed. It is believed here that the syndicate are simply acting as the agents of Russia.—DALZIEL.

FATAL REVENGE.

ROME, Sept. 5.—One of the police commissaries of Rome, Signor Pasquali, was shot dead this morning on leaving his house by a man who had been lying in wait for him. As soon as he fired the shot the murderer took to flight, followed by an excited crowd. After a long chase he was knocked down by a policeman and arrested. The murderer, a man named Marchioni, had just come out of prison, where he served a sentence of 10 years' penal servitude for an offence of which he was convicted through Signor Pasquali's evidence.—DALZIEL.

DR. GALLAGHER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—The ex-convict, Dr. Gallagher, who arrived here yesterday in the American Line steamer St. Paul, failed to recognise one of his sisters, but he seemed to remember another sister and a niece. Many of the deputation which boarded the steamer to welcome him home were old friends, but he showed no sign of recognition or pleasure. He was greatly excited and irritable, and he became so violent during the quarantine formalities that it became necessary to restrain him. He has been taken to the Hotel Savoy, whence, according to present arrangements, he will be placed in a sanatorium.

KILLED ON THE STAGE.

BELGRADE, Sept. 5.—A dramatic fatality occurred on the stage of the Poszarevatz Theatre last night during the performance of a play entitled "The Battle of Kossof." In the play an insurgent leader has to stab the Sultan Mouras, who falls back dead. A young player who took the part of the insurgent leader was so carried away by the excitement of the occasion that he dealt the Sultan a blow with great force, and the weapon penetrated his chest, causing instant death.

THE NILE EXPEDITION.

CAIRO, Sept. 5.—Over 20 men were injured yesterday through a truck colliding with an engine on the railway near Moghrat. The native officer in charge was killed. A large mounted patrol has left Absarat for the south. The Dervishes suffered severely in the recent storms.—REUTER.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

STRONG COLLECTIVE NOTE TO THE PORTE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 4.—The quiet aspect of the city is maintained, although a certain amount of anxiety still prevails, and people are in a nervous state. There was another panic at Pera yesterday without any serious cause. The representatives of the Powers have sent to the Porte the Collective Note, the drafting of which by the ambassadors was mentioned in the telegram of Aug. 30. It lays stress on the organised character of the mob on the occasion of the massacre of the Armenians, and cites several cases bearing out this contention. It quotes the declaration of the 2 Mussulmans in the service of an European, that they were requisitioned by the police, who gave them weapons and sent them to kill Armenians, and the note then proceeds to adduce noteworthy testimony of a Mussulman, who, being armed with a bludgeon, was being taken to Yildiz Kiosk by Embassy Dragomans, when he told the latter on their way to the Palace that nothing would be done to him, and, in fact, on arrival at Yildiz Kiosk, the individual was recognized by the Palace servants. The note also alludes to the distribution of bludgeons to the mob by the municipality, and declares that the Embassies are prepared to produce the evidence in their possession. Finally, the Ambassadors of the Powers demand that an inquiry should be made, and the guilty parties severely punished. The foreign representatives of the Powers met yesterday.

FRENCH WARSHIPS SENT.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—The torpedo cruisers Wattignies and Vautour have been ordered to the Levant. The Minister of Marine has also decided to send 2 first-class battleships to Canea. The Marceau, which was at first selected for this service, will, it is believed, be replaced by the Devastation, which flies a rear-admiral's flag. The latter vessel will be accompanied by the Courbet or Redoubtable. According to intelligence from Toulon, there is no truth in the report that Rear-admiral Bienaimé had resigned his post as Chief of the Staff of the Mediterranean Reserve Squadron.

[Other news will be found on page 7.]

INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISTS.

The members of the Institute of Journalists and their lady friends left Belfast yesterday in two parties, one proceeding by special train to Newcastle, co. Down, and the other to Warrenpoint. From both places they went on excursions to attractive resorts in the vicinity, and returned to Belfast in the evening. The weather was fine. To-morrow afternoon a special service to journalists will be given in Belfast parish church.

The Bishop of Rockhampton (Australia) yesterday performed the opening ceremony at a garden *fête*, which took place at St. John's Gardens, Munton-rd., Walworth, in aid of the fund for restoring the church.

GREAT BANK ROBBERY.

DARING THEFT OF BANK NOTES AND CHEQUES IN PARIS.

A daring robbery took place at the Bureau of the Societe Generale, Paris, at the Place de L'Opera, yesterday afternoon between 1 and 2. The banking hours on Saturday in Paris are 9 to 5, and the robbery was probably carried out during the luncheon hour, when many of the staff were absent. The stolen property includes a number of bank of England notes, the numbers of which have been recorded and notice given to the bank stopping payment. The following cheques have likewise been stolen, payment of which has been stopped:—Cheque for £200, No. 1,841, drawn by Thos. Cook and Sons, Paris, on their London office to the order of the Societe Generale; a draft drawn by Earl Fitzwilliam on Messrs. Hoare and Co., to the order of the Societe Generale for £120; a circular letter for £10 on Glyn, Mills, and Co., drawn by Percy D. Jacobs, to the order of the Societe Generale; a cheque on the Standard Bank of South Africa to the order of Gunsbourg, and endorsed to the Societe Generale for £30.

WHITEHEAD CAPTURED.

Whitehead, the ex-convict, who mysteriously disappeared, was found at Cork last night. A rumour of his being seen was abroad all day, but no trace of him was found until 6.30, when a quay labourer saw a man whom he recognised as Whitehead loitering along Anderson's Quay, near the Cork Steam Packet Co.'s premises, and Whitehead inquired when the steamer sailed for America, and was informed that it was not till the morning. A crowd soon gathered, and Whitehead endeavoured to get away, but was secured and taken into the Harbour Board Offices, where he was kept. Whitehead appeared greatly distressed, and had a careworn appearance. On being interrogated he manifested no disposition to give any account of himself, and reporters were refused access to him.

FEVER IN LONDON.

Yesterday 99 cases of fever were admitted to the hospitals of the Asylums Board from various parts of the metropolis, viz.:—Scarlet fever, 77; diphtheria, 20; and enteric, 2. There are now 4,306 patients under treatment, including 140 at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, which was opened for the first time for the admission of patients on Monday last. Of the cases in the 10 hospitals of the managers, 3,561 are suffering from scarlet fever, 617 from diphtheria, and 128 from enteric fever, &c. At the hospital ships Atlas and Castalia, Long Reach, there are 12 cases of small-pox.

AN ANCIENT PLAGUE PIT.

Most people who pass daily along the City-rd., will call to mind a circular piece of rank grass surrounded by iron railings, close to Windsor-ter., where David Copperfield once lived with the sanguine Mr. Micawber, and where Charles Dickens himself actually lived with his father, who bore such a striking similitude to the immortal "Wilkins." But it is not so generally known that this piece of ground is one of the famous plague pits, into which thousands of bodies were thrown from the carts which perambulated the stricken City to the cry of "Bring out your dead." The authorities of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, as freeholders of the ground, from which the public have been hitherto excluded, have written to St. Luke's Vestry, intimating that if that body will undertake to lay out the space as a recreation-ground, the governors of the hospital will grant a long lease at a purely nominal rent. The proposed garden is situated in a densely-congested district, and, as it is understood, the vestry are only too ready to accept the offer. It would be a pity if this opportunity was lost of providing London with a statue of Charles Dickens on a spot so closely identified with himself and his great creations.

ALLEGED HIGHWAYMEN.

At Worship-st., Edward O'Brien, 35, John M'Grath, 30, and Richard Leary, 30, labourers, were charged, on remand, with violently assaulting Leonard Breed, and robbing him of £10. Prosecutor was in a public house in Spitalfields with a young woman. The evidence of a boy named Samuels showed that the pair were watched by 3 men, one of whom was O'Brien. The boy heard them say, "We'll wait for him," and that led him to watch. They observed this and swore at him, ordering him to go away. Still the boy watched and saw O'Brien leave with prosecutor and the woman. The latter was seized, and, though she clung to prosecutor, was pulled away, threatened, and kicked by O'Brien to make her go away. Afterwards O'Brien took possession of prosecutor and kept him standing, whereupon the other 2 men got close up and 1 struck him on the head from behind. Prosecutor ran away and sought shelter in 2 shops, from which he was hustled out and pulled into the street by the men. Then 2 held up his arms whilst the third man rifled his pockets. Prosecutor lost £10 in gold and silver, and was much knocked about.—Evidence of previous convictions was given against all prisoners.—Committed for trial.

Wm. Howell, porter in attendance on market days on Mrs. K. Bennetts, St. Columb, who weekly attends Plymouth Saturday market, was sent to prison for 6 weeks yesterday for stealing 6 eggs from her store of provisions whilst she was supplying a hotel with agricultural provisions.

ALLEGED OUTRAGE.

SHOCKING CHARGE AGAINST SOLDIERS AT ALDERSHOT.

Before the Aldershot bench, Trooper Brown, of the Royal Scots Greys, was charged with a criminal assault on a married woman named Kingsley. According to the evidence for the prosecution, Mrs. Kingsley and her husband, who are professional singers, fulfilled an engagement at the canteen of the Carabiniers, and on leaving at 9 o'clock Brown and another man of the Scots Greys offered to see them on the road home. It was a pitch dark night, and they had not gone far when a number of soldiers surrounded them, throwing both the man and his wife on to the ground. They then kicked and ill-treated Kingsley till he became insensible, and also brutally used the woman and outraged her, she stating in evidence that 13 men were concerned in this conduct. Her screams brought up a pianist named Quinn who, seeing the husband and wife on the ground with the soldiers around them, ran to the Regimental Sergt.-maj. of the Carabiniers and informed him of what was taking place. The officer went to the scene with a lantern in his hand, and heard the woman's cries and saw some men running away. Her face and mouth were bleeding, and the husband's face was also bleeding. The accused elected to be sworn, and asserted that he did not see the parties outside the canteen.—He was committed for trial.

LATER DETAILS.

Yesterday's inquiries indicate that the assaults were the result of a carefully-prepared plot. Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley arrived at Aldershot for the purpose of fulfilling a several days' engagement at the camp canteens. The first night they appeared at the Carabiniers canteen, Bourley, and left at the conclusion of the performance, shortly before 9 o'clock. They had a drink on leaving the canteen; several soldiers joined them, and the party had barely reached the road before one of the soldiers threw Mrs. Kingsley down. Another, however, who had white straps across him, picked her up and offered her a flask, saying, "You are all of a shake; have a drink." Mr. Kingsley, now thoroughly alarmed, said to his wife, "No, don't drink." She, to pacify the man, took the flask, and, after appearing to drink, handed it back to the soldier, thanking him at the same time. The number of soldiers had now increased to about 2 dozen. For some few minutes they walked on, without molesting either Mr. or Mrs. Kingsley. Then several soldiers sprang out from the side of the road, caught Mrs. Kingsley by the throat, knocked her down, and while on the ground she was, it is alleged, outraged by 9 men. She tried to scream, but was nearly choked. The ruffians tore her skirt from her, disarranged her clothing, and stole 5s. out of her pocket. Mr. Kingsley had also been knocked down and subjected to violent ill-treatment, being severely kicked about the body.

ARRIVAL OF THE GUARD.

It is probable that the unfortunate couple would have been left to lie in the road all night had not the woman's screams been heard by Edward Quinn, a musician, who was also coming with a friend from the canteen. Quinn said, "That is the Kingsleys being knocked about," and, on going to the brow of the hill, he saw the woman on the ground, and a large number of soldiers surrounding her. He ran back to the Carabiniers' mess, and told the regimental sergt.-maj. what was taking place. The officer ordered a sergeant to get as many men as possible, and proceed at once with a lantern to the scene. When they arrived there the soldiers had disappeared, as directly the brow of the hill was reached the lantern had indicated to them some one was coming. Mr. Kingsley was lying on the ground insensible, his face covered with blood, and his mouth filled with gravel, while close to him was his wife, from whose ears and mouth

BLOOD WAS POURING.

With great difficulty the couple were got to Aldershot, and it was at first thought that Mr. Kingsley had sustained a fracture of the left ribs. It was also ascertained at the station that the woman had a black eye. She was eventually able to identify Brown from among several men paraded before her at the camp. The civil police consider the sergeant-major guilty of a great error of judgment in ordering the sergeant and the posse of men with him to proceed with a lighted lantern, as he might have known this would afford the culprits the best possible chance of escape. Det.-sergt. Jacobs has the case in hand, and it is hoped he will be able to place some more men in the dock between now and the time of the assizes. Intense indignation is expressed by officers and residents at Aldershot at the shocking occurrence, the first of anything like so serious a nature that has happened there. Mrs. Kingsley is the mother of 4 young children.

A VOLUNTEER SUICIDE.

Arthur Humphreys, 37, a Volunteer living at the New Windsor-rd., Hackney Wick, committed suicide in a determined manner early yesterday morning by placing the muzzle of a rifle against one of his eyes and pulling the trigger. The bullet blew the top of his head clean off, and went through the ceiling of the room. The doctor's opinion is that Humphreys must have pulled the trigger with his foot, as he could not reach it with his hand.

CONSERVATIVE FETE.

THE GREAT GATHERING OF ASSOCIATIONS AT BLENHEIM.

Yesterday, at the invitation of the Duke of Marlborough, the Conservative clubs of the metropolis and midland counties assembled in Blenheim Park to the number of 2,000. The weather was fine. The visitors inspected the state rooms of the palace, and also the grounds. The Duke of Marlborough presided at a luncheon held in a marquee on the lawn, his Grace being accompanied by the duchess, and amongst those present were Lord Churchill, Mr. Hermon Hodge, M.P., Mr. G. H. Morrell, M.P., Mr. A. W. Hall, who formerly represented the City of Oxford in Parliament, the Mayor of Woodstock (Ald. Clarke), Mr. R. W. E. Middleton, and the General Secretary of the Affiliated Association of Conservative Clubs. The toast of the Houses of Parliament, proposed by Mr. Hall, was acknowledged by Lord Churchill and Mr. Hermon Hodge. The Duke of Marlboro, in submitting the toast of Success to the Conservative Association of Clubs, expressed the hope that the present assembly would lead to gatherings of a like character at Blenheim. Tea was served in the evening, and during the afternoon the proceedings were enlivened by a band.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON AN M.P.

Darius Street, of Brownhill-rd., Catford, was charged on remand at Greenwich yesterday with inciting William Deakes and Henry Amey to obtain money by false pretences from their employer, W. S. Walker, manager to Mr. A. C. Corbett, M.P., owner of the St. German's Estate, Lewisham. Mr. Geoghegan prosecuted, and Mr. J. C. Scard defended.—Extensive building operations are in progress on the St. German's Estate, where the prisoner was engaged as a foreman, and the allegation was that he endeavoured to obtain money by means of false entries on the time-sheets, wages being drawn, as alleged, in respect of "dummy" workmen.—Mr. Geoghegan stated that prisoner had failed to induce Deakes and Amey to do what he requested, and a further charge was gone into against prisoner of inciting a deputy foreman named Wells to commit a forgery and obtain money. Evidence was given with a view to showing that prisoner induced Wells to enter in his time-books the names of 3 men, of whose existence Wells had no knowledge, with the number of hours alleged to have been worked by them. The result was that 2 guineas was drawn for 2 bricklayers, and for a labourer £1 11s. 3d. Wells said he paid the money to Street, after deducting, at the prisoner's request, 2 sums of 7s. 6d. He hesitated to do what he was asked, but did so because he thought the prisoner would give him the sack.—Walter Shepherd, labourer, deposed to drawing £1 11s. 3d. at the request of Wells, to whom he gave the money; and James Bloomfield, bricklayer, also spoke to drawing a man's money at the pay-office at Wells' request.—Committed for trial.

SOMERSET HOUSE.

It has been found that the action of the London atmosphere has had serious results on the ornamental stonework upon the façade of Somerset House, facing the Strand, the coat-of-arms, and some of the figures having shed portions of their ornamental works. The Board of Works Department have instituted a close inspection of the dilapidations, with the result that some dangerous indications of decay have been discovered within the past few days. To prevent further mischief, the workmen are now scaffolding the building with a view to the removal of the decaying figures, the places of which will be filled with new and more substantial designs.

POSTMEN'S FEDERATION.

The Postmen's Federation Conference was held at Club Union Hall, Clerkenwell. A long series of resolutions dealing with the rate of pay, hours, and superannuation were passed, as was 1 having reference to the system of punishments and individual grievances. Many questions dealing with pay and intricate questions of office routine were discussed and alterations suggested, and the conference endorsed the views of the Heavy Woollen District that the executive should approach the railway companies with a view to getting reduced fares for postmen on holidays. Mr. Paul (Clapham) moved a resolution to the effect that the practice in endeavouring to compel auxiliaries to undersell their labour, by calling in outside labour when auxiliaries will not perform extra duty for less than their rate of pay, should be discontinued, and in doing so said that when an established man's work had to be done an auxiliary was put on to do the work. The established man's money was 24s. and an auxiliary 18s., and when the auxiliary did the work he was only paid 18s. Mr. Arthur (Jersey) complained that it frequently occurred that they had to wait for the mails for hours and never were paid for overtime, and they worked for 14 or 15 hours a day. The motion was agreed to, as was another regarding the payment of auxiliaries on Sundays. A long discussion of the rules of the federation concluded the proceedings.

The proceedings in connection with yesterday's business of the Postmen's Federation was exclusively confined to a day's outing for the members. At 10.30 a.m. a number of covered vans, capable of conveying something like 200 of the delegates, started from Clerkenwell for a drive to Kew, Richmond, and the other attractive centres in the Thames Valley. There was a dinner at Richmond, after which the delegates separated.

THE ENGINEERING DISPUTE.

DECISION: A STRIKE AVERTED.

The engineers' dispute has been settled, and the Clyde men will resume work on Tuesday. This was the decision arrived at last evening by the Glasgow District Committee after a sitting of 2½ hours' duration. As to the man Cook, who was the cause of the trouble, it was stated that the committee would not allow him to enter the Amalgamated Society. The engineers in England and Belfast, to whom lock-out notices had been issued, will go to work to-morrow as usual. The engineers threatened the masters that if they were locked out they would not return to work again unless they received an advance of wages. Much satisfaction is expressed in Glasgow that the dispute is ended. The Glasgow District Committee would not tell the press what were the terms of the settlement, but they were certain that they were such as would be agreeable to Messrs. Dunsmuir and Jackson's men and also agreeable to the union men in England and Ireland.

A meeting of the Sunderland members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers was held yesterday afternoon, when it was resolved to give notice to stop all overtime at once and also to give in notices to cease work on the 12th. A telegram was received whilst the meeting was in progress saying that the dispute had been settled, but the meeting declined to receive it as authentic. It is stated that the carpenters and shipwrights have decided to throw in their lot with the engineers.

At a meeting of Belfast engineers yesterday it was unanimously resolved that if the masters carried the lock-out notice into effect the remaining 75 per cent. should come out in a body. It was also decided that no overtime should be worked in the meantime.

POLICE SERGEANT RETIRES.

Station Sergt. Jewell, E. Barnet Sub-div. of the Y Div., retired yesterday on a pension after 25 years' service. On several occasions Sergt. Jewell was commended and rewarded—once for a gallant rescue from a fire, and once for his gallantry in an affray with some roughs at Walham. For several years Serg. Jewell was coroner's officer to Mr. Braxton Hicks, and was engaged in the famous Neil Cream poisoning case. He also regulated the Derby traffic through Tooting on many occasions. On Jan., 1893, he was promoted to station-sergt. at New Bride-st.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Shortly after the Prince of Wales returned to London yesterday he received at Marlborough House a call from Adml. Stephenson, under whose care the Duke of York and the late Duke of Clarence made their voyage round the world. Adml. Stephenson has returned to England after a 3 years' commission on foreign service. The Prince of Wales leaves London to-morrow for Doncaster.

DODGING "THREE DAYS."

The attention of the London Police-court magistrates has recently been drawn to a very artful practice on the part of defendants who have been fined "2s. 6d. or three days." This is specially noticed in School Board cases, where a parent has been mulcted in the above-named penalty, and where the defendant is always given time to pay. During the last few months it has been found that the defendant has almost invariably surrendered on a Friday afternoon and informed the warrant officer that he or she, as the case may be, is unable to pay the fine, and must "do" the imprisonment. The officer has no option but to accept the situation, and the defendant is conveyed to Wandsworth or some other prison. Friday, whatever time a prisoner spends in confinement, counts 1 day; Saturday would count the second, and Sunday the third. However, as the law stands no prisoner can be discharged on a Sunday, and on any other day prisoners are never set free later than 8 o'clock in the evening, therefore the man or woman who surrenders on a Friday night to "do" 3 days' imprisonment escapes with 1 night in gaol. These artful defendants receive a supper, a breakfast before being discharged, and, having no money, their fares home.

A RUNAWAY CAB HORSE.

Shortly after noon yesterday a horse attached to a hansom cab, which was standing on the rank opposite the Three Stags Tavern, in Lambeth-rd., suddenly shook off its nosebag and bridle, which fell at its feet, and bolted. Turning the corner of King Edward-st., the animal went at a terrific speed across the Westminster Bridge-rd., threading its way through the traffic in a marvellous manner, and narrowly escaping running over some children. Continuing its career through Tower-street, it ran into a van laden with coke, in which were riding 2 little boys, both of whom were injured by the shafts of the cab striking their legs. Their names and addresses are Joseph Simpson, 7, of 253, Waterloo-rd., and George Wooton, 9, who said he lived at 46, Westminster Bridge-rd.—Dr. Henry, divisional surgeon, who happened to be passing, examined the children's limbs, and ordered their immediate removal to St. Thomas's Hospital.—It appeared that the horse, which suffered considerable injury, had been left unattended.

Henry Walker, 24, a native of Beaumaris, whilst at work on the River Bann, at Coleraine, fell into the water and was drowned.

ALLEGED LIBEL ON A THEATRICAL AGENT.

Sigismund Fust, summoned as of 295, Strand, described as a clerk to theatrical agents, appeared at Bow-st., summoned for publishing a false and defamatory libel of one Gustav Kaeska.—Prosecutor described himself as a threatical agent of 57, Theobald's Road.—Mr. Browne, who appeared to support the summons, said that the libel was contained in a letter addressed to the Sisters Hunton, musical artistes, and imputed that the prosecutor was guilty of unfairness to persons who had put their business in his hands, and had acted dishonestly. There were other allegations which counsel said were susceptible of worse interpretations.—Prosecutor when giving evidence, said that besides acting as a theatrical and music-hall agent he was correspondent in this country for a Paris newspaper. He had commenced business here in February last. Defendant had been employed by him as a clerk for translations, &c., at a salary of 20s. per week, they parting on July 8. The letter in question, he said, described him as dishonest, and ended by asserting he was a scoundrel.—Mr. Crawshaw, for the defence, proposed to cross-examine on the prosecutor's antecedents, and asked if he had not been carrying on business in Copenhagen.—Mr. Lushington ruled that the question of justification could not be gone into in this court.—Committed for trial, bail in £50 being accepted.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

Capt. Dewar, adjt. 2nd Batn. Lincolnshire Regt. at Cambridge Barracks, Woolwich, was yesterday formally appointed adjt. of the 4th Batn. at Grantham, taking the place of Capt. Grant, whose period of service expires.

Col. Kingscote, R.A., yesterday took over the post of col. on the staff and officer commanding R.A. in British N. America, in place of Col. Isaacson retired. Col. Kingscote was a few months ago in command of the Garrison Artillery at Cork.

To-morrow the 12th Field Co. R.E. will leave Shorncliffe for Wingham, Kent, where they will be distributed in order to prepare the water supply for the forthcoming manœuvres in the S.E.D. The following regiments will take part in the operations, which commence on the 14th and terminate on the 21st:—3rd Dragoons, Shorncliffe; O Battery R.H.A., Woolwich; 4th, 20th, and 43rd Field Batteries R.A., Shorncliffe; 2nd Royal Warwick, Chatham; 2nd King's Liverpool, Colchester; 2nd Lincolnshire, Woolwich; 2nd West Yorks and 2nd East Surrey, Dover; 3rd King's Royal Rifles, Shorncliffe; 1st York and Lanc., Colchester, and a batn. of Royal Marine Light Infantry from Walmer.

Yesterday it was announced that G Battery, R.H.A., and 2nd Battn. Lincolnshire Regt., forming part of the Woolwich command under Maj.-gen. J. F. Maurice, C.B., will take part in the manœuvres to be held near Dover, which commence on Tuesday week. In addition to the above, the force participating in the operations will comprise 1 regiment of cavalry, 3 field batteries, 2 field companies R.E., 6 battns. of infantry, and 1 of marines from the depot at Walmer.

Yesterday Maj. G. M. Davison was appointed temporary second in command 2nd Batn. Durham Light Infantry in place of Maj. Rossiter, who died a few days ago. Capt. Johnson-Smyth, 1st batn. will be promoted major in the place of the late Maj. Rossiter.

Lieuts. C. D. Johnson, to Scylla; J. G. de O. Coke, to Alexandra; Lieut. R.N.R. L. P. Scott, to Vernon, for short course of torpedo, to date Sept. 5. Carpr. N. N. Blake, to Pembroke, to date Sept. 16. Midshn. A. E. Dixie, to Repulse, to date Sept. 2.

Orders were yesterday issued for the 4th Hussars at Hounslow to move to Southampton and embark on board the transport Britannia, which will leave Southampton on Friday for Bombay. The 3rd Field Battery at Aldershot also goes out to India in the transport. The Royal Scots Greys have been ordered to move from Aldershot to Hounslow in relief of the 4th Hussars, on the termination of the manœuvres at Aldershot.

Yesterday the 2nd E. Surrey Regt. returned to Dover from Shorncliffe, where they have been stationed for some days past, having been placed at the disposal of the commandant at the camp to take part in operations.

The following movements of H.M. ships were reported at the Admiralty yesterday:—

Portsmouth: Fire Queen for Havre, Malabar for Bermuda, left 3rd.

Devonport: Opposum and Skate, arrived 3rd.

Scarborough: Hearty left 3rd.

Skerries Roads: Seahorse arrived 3rd.

Wick: Northampton sailed 3rd.

Queenstown: Discovery arrived 2nd.

Malta: Tyne arrived 3rd.

Piræus: Commr.-in-Chief, Mediterranean, arrived 3rd, to leave in accordance with programme.

St. John's: Commr.-in-Chief, North America, arrived 3rd, to leave 9th for Halifax.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

Mister (s), Taganrog, M.D., Nye, Clare, and Co.
Sarah Ann Widdup, Guernsey, Deptford, C. Rowbotham.
Vesta (s), Hamburg, S.K.D., Craven and Co.
Eleanor, Guernsey, Cherry Garden, R. T. Thomson.
Girasol (s), Ostend, T.D., Societe J. Cockerill.
Swift (s), Ostend, Irongate Wharf, G.S.N. Co.
Virgo (s), Hamburg, Dublin Tr., G.S.N. Co.
Emily (s), Rouen, Powell's Wharf, J. Burnett and Sons.
Allswald (s), Baltimore, S.C.D., J. Temperley and Co.
Berian, Drobak, R.C.D., G. L. Figge.
Talbot (s), Smyrna, M.D., A. Laming and Co.
Avena (s), Uddewalla, S.C.D., Tegner, Price, and Co.
Carmarthenshire (s), Japan, &c., V.D., Jenkins and Co.
Thule (s), Gothenburg, M.D., Phillips.
Tyr (s), Soderhamn, S.C.D., H. Clarkson and Co.
Rondo (s), Ljusne, Burt's Wharf, T. G. Beatley.
Kagaishama Maru (s), Japan, &c., V.D., Shaw, Adams, and Co.

FORECASTS OF WEATHER.

ENGLAND, N.E.	North-easterly breezes, light; fine, cold in early morning.
ENGLAND, E.	North-westerly to north-easterly breezes, light; some showers, but considerable intervals of bright weather.
MIDLAND COUNTIES.	Same as England, N.E.
ENGLAND S. London & Channel.	Same as England, E.
SCOTLAND, W. ... ENGLAND, N.W. and N. Wales	North-easterly and northerly winds, light; fine, cold in early morning.
ENGLAND, S.W. and S. Wales.	Northerly breezes, light; fine, hazy at times.

TIDE TABLE FOR THE WEEK.

	London mrn.	London aft.	Liverpool mrn.	Liverpool aft.	Bristol mrn.	Bristol aft.	Hull mrn.	Hull aft.
S	0 40	1 5	10 21	10 41	6 6	6 30	5 16	5 37
M	1 28	1 48	11 1	11 21	6 51	7 11	5 57	6 18
T	2 7	2*26	11 41	...	7 32	7 51	6 39	6 59
W	2*45	3* 5	0 2	0 23	8 10	8 31	7 19	7 40
T	3*25	3*46	0 44	1 4	8 52	9 11	8 1	8 21
F	4* 5	4*27	1 24	1 45	9 30	9 50	8 41	9 2
St	4*47	5 8	2 5	2 27	10 10	10 31	9 24	9 46

* High tides expected.

CIGARETTE PAPERS.

By JOSEPH HATTON.

The Silver Spoon and the Gold Pen.

The beginning of anything is the chief difficulty. It is much harder to mount a bicycle than to get off. The latter operation is often accomplished with too great facility. "I have been thinking for a long time," said Matilda B., "that I ought to have a serious purpose in life; so I have decided to go into literature." "To pursue it seriously?" asks her friend. "Oh, yes indeed," Matilda replies. They are sitting in one of the up-town mansions in New York. "I've bought a lovely Louis XVI. desk, and I have laid in a stock of the most beautiful stationery you ever saw. Mother has given me a gold pen and a mother-of-pearl penholder, and the prettiest silver inkstand." "You are well equipped," says the envious friend. "Yes," Matilda replies, "I consider I've got a splendid start. All I have to do now is to sit down and think up a piece to write." That's all! Some people believe that an author's environment has everything to do with his work. Perhaps it has. I remember when I called one day on Edmund Yates in his fine new house in Portland-place, and we sat down to chat in his handsomely furnished library, I said, "You will be able to do lots of work now in such a comfortable room." "My dear friend," he replied, "we have done our best work before we get the comfortable room." And so it is, I suspect, always; they begin at the wrong end when the gold pen, the silver inkstand, and the lovely stationery come first.

Making a Start.

Rudyard Kipling, who wrote many of his best things in a "slummy" newspaper office, says almost the best Anglo-Indian poem that he came upon while looking over some old newspaper files was written at Meerut three or four days before the Mutiny broke out. The author of it complained that he could not get his clothes washed nicely that week; and most of his contemporary writers were facetious over their squalor and their poverty. There never was a beginner who felt more keenly than Louis Stevenson the difficulty of making a start. He attempted the story of "Rathillet" at 15, "The Vendetta" at 29, and his succession of defeats lasted until he was 29. By this time he had written short stories and essays and had been patted upon the back, but he could make nothing like enough to live upon even had he been contented with bread and porridge. He had not yet written a novel. "I might," he said, "be likened to a cricketer of many years' standing who had never made a run. Anybody can write a short story—a bad one, I mean—who has industry and paper and time enough; but not every one may hope to write a bad novel. It is the length that kills." That, I suppose, is the reason why so many writers tell us that the great art lies in the short story, and that the short story is ousting the novel. It is a tremendous thing "to begin," according to Stevenson; "and having begun what a dread looking forward is that until the book is accomplished!"

The Englishman at Home and Abroad.

By the way, how our Scotch fellow subjects stand by each other! Lord Rosebery claims for the North a statue to Louis Stevenson. The author of "Treasure Island" was the head and front of the modern group of Scotch authors, and his name should stand high, as it does, on his native heath. He will, of course, have his fine monumental tribute in due time. To my mind there is something noble in the clannishness of the Scotch; it is a splendid trait, the truest patriotism. It contrasts strangely with the local impersonality of the Englishman, which is also a big thing in its way. He seems to have no nationality at home. It comes out, however, when he is abroad; when he is called upon to fight his enemy at mighty odds; when the spirit of the pioneer, the Empire-maker, even unto martyrdom, is upon him; but at home he talks of the Scotchman, the Irishman, the Welshman, and they talk of each other, and praise each other as such, raise their national monuments, twang their national harps; but the Englishman is British. He feels, I suppose, that he combines in his family ties the rest of the United Kingdom, and if you look into his tributes to heroes and authors you will find they are in no respect local, in no individual sense English—they are Imperial! We are a curious mixture, we Britishers, we English, Scotch, Irish, and Welsh. If I were not an Englishman I should extol this magnificent reticence that leaves even a private citizen to erect the only statue to Shakspere, while Scotland revels in her tributes to Burns and Scott, and will still leave Dickens, Thackeray, Hood, George Eliot, and probably Tennyson, to be known by their works alone, while Edinburgh commemorates Stevenson.

A Glorious Partnership.

It has been a fine thing for the Empire, and for literature, this rivalry of the three junior partners with the dominant senior, but nobody seems to take account of that important factor, the utter absence of jealousy on the part of the English. It is the effacement of himself as an Englishman that has made the national partnership so successful, and that in time must bring even the small group of recalcitrant Irishmen into good relationship with the rest of us. The sharing of honours and glory, of material rewards and personal distinction is equal, unless, perhaps, the Scotchman gets more than the Englishman, and Paddy still more, for he occupies posts of honour and emolument in every official and military corner of the Empire; to-day the Lord Chief Justice is an Irishman, and the Commander-in-chief is his fellow-countryman. In Africa, the leek, the shamrock, the thistle, and the rose commingle in one simple emblem that is British, and the men fight shoulder to shoulder and with one cry. Furthermore, they are willing to take into partnership the Afrikander, and here comes in that spirit of adaptability and good fellowship that makes the Britisher the only successful coloniser. His fairness, his judicial instinct, his long training in liberal government, his capacity to enjoy aright the highest privileges of freedom, have made his word his bond with every race that has come under his authority. The native Indian prefers to be tried by an English judge. Mr. Cecil Rhodes goes unarmed into the enemy's camp. Englishmen wander all over the Borneo, while a Spaniard has only to put his nose outside his stockade to have a spear in search of it. The British pioneer is known to be as fearless as he is honest. It is good once in a way for the world to have even such an example as the Lothaire business to emphasise the methods of British justice. It is to be hoped that the Belgian story is not yet finished. One would like to see what Germany would do if she laid hands on Lothaire. An author making a drama of the shameful thing would invent some devoted comrade of Stokes and send him out to Africa, where Lothaire is to have a new command. They say our Government is being kept quiet by the assistance the Congo State may give us against the Dervishes. Diplomacy covers a multitude of hateful sins; but it should not be allowed to condone the outrageous failure of justice in connection with the brutal murder of Stokes.

How Massenet Writes an Opera.

We have often chatted about methods of work. The other day in an out-of-the-way periodical from New York I came upon an interesting article by that accomplished journalist Robert N. Sherard, describing Massenet, the famous French composer, at home. "I work very strangely," said Massenet. "To begin with I never touch a piano. The piano in this room is for friends. I sometimes spend two years thinking out an opera, and during that time I do not write down a single note. I carry it all in my head, and I compose at all times, even when speaking, or when dining, or when at the theatre, in a carriage, in a train, anywhere, everywhere. But my best work is done while I am walking up and down my bed-room, which is my favourite study. Then when the opera is all ready in my head I rush off to the country, and there I do write with a vengeance. I write from 12 to 15 hours a day straight off, without correction of any kind, for you see I am writing under dictation from myself. People who see my manuscript often say that it must be the third or fourth copy, and when I tell them that it is the original and only manuscript they say I must have extraordinary facility. They do not reflect that I have been working at it in my head for years previous to writing it down." Every artist has his own method of work. There is no regular road any more than there is a royal one to production or success. The activity of genius is sufficiently great, even in these days, for one almost to regret the assistance promised to the musical composer in the invention of a piano that will register whatever is played upon it, so that your extemporaneous efforts come out written and all but ready for publication. By and by this will probably be supplemented with an orchestral score, and everybody will be writing operas without thinking at all. Some operas are bad enough when they have been thought out; what the new invention may lead to is terrible to think of. Mathilda B, for example, may lay aside her gold pen and take to musical composition as a serious occupation; it will be much easier than "thinking a piece to write."

Men and Women on Wheels.

Discussing the advantages and disabilities of the wheel the other week I ventured to say that you cannot think on a bicycle. Mr. Jerome in "To-Day" suggests that I should rather have said I cannot think, for many people can. Of course they can, but as a rule the moment you think about anything else than the wheel, where it is going, where the waggon in front is steering, or what the cart behind is aiming at, in that moment your troubles begin. It was while a friend of mine was thinking of a certain difficult scene in his new play that he trundled himself into a ditch. Wheelmen themselves are inclined to concede the palm for at least graceful riding to women. It is well known that the ladies rarely come to grief except when they are tempted to glance at some pedestrian to try and find out from his looks if he admires their style of riding, or their new skirt, or if madame on the pavement with her nose in the air takes exception to the wheel or to the pretty wheeler's new hat. Mr. Jerome adds a saving clause to his polite protest against my opinion by asking, "Even if attention is diverted from concentrated thought is not that an advantage to an overworked brain?" "Why, certainly," I reply, and if men would only use the wheel as an honest relaxation instead of bending their backs and straining their eyes and bursting blood vessels over it, the wheel would indeed be a blessing. Women use it with far more propriety. Some of them even look charming in what cannot after all be called a graceful attitude. Others don't; but, alas, some women never look charming, though every woman may be interesting if she tries; the constant practice of amiability, charity, and every quality that is the opposite to envy and jealousy will light up the most ordinary face and make it almost beautiful.

Dreamers and Readers.

The prophetic dreams of the two persons recorded in connection with the recent colliery accident in Wales, which formed the subject of some recent Cigarette Papers, appear to have excited considerable interest among "The People's" readers. One of my correspondents, Mr. H. Dalton, mentions as an undoubted and unquestioned incident of the phenomena of dreaming, the case of a sea captain who had brought his vessel, the Esk, back to England, completing his voyage because, just before reaching the Cape of Good Hope, he had dreamed that if he proceeded the vessel would be wrecked. For this offence he was tried and lost his certificate. Under a new captain the Esk set out again, and was lost while rounding the Cape. "The case has no novelty," writes Mr. Dalton, "and is of the usual order of dreams; but what makes it of importance is the fact of its perfect freedom from doubt. It occurred 30 years ago. It is related nowhere as a connected whole, but I read the story as it progressed in three separate papers at a considerable interval between each—first the return to England, then the trial, and finally the fulfilment of the dream." H. J. Dawes mentions the case of the woman who dreamt of a murder and induced her relatives to go to the spot indicated in her vision, where they found the body and afterwards the culprit, though neither of them were known to her. One might of course fill columns of both historical and personal records of this kind, some well established in truth, others of doubtful origin, all of them, as a rule, equally interesting. As regards the narrative of "Carson's Valley Pass," "A Reader" reminds me that the incident has been worked up in Bret Harte's fine story of "Gabriel Conroy." "Deeply Interested" says he is very glad to have this episode of California history from my private collection, the more so as the romance of it has been to a great extent impressed upon his mind by Bret Harte. One lives and learns. Bret Harte, both as poet and novelist, has a large space in my library and in my memory of delightful literary recollections, but I have not read "Gabriel Conroy." In the Providential economy of our lives the margin left for recreative reading is very limited, though one would not think so, after a glance at Smith and Son's bookstalls.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

[Questions requiring to be answered the same week must reach the office by Tuesday morning. We do not give opinions on legal documents, whether forwarded, quoted, or referred to, nor can we undertake to solve knotty problems, or to deal with voluminous questions, or to instruct in the several methods of getting married. Valuations, whether of coins, books, or other property, are never given. Letters should be written in ink and marked outside "Legal," "Household," "Miscellaneous," or otherwise. The coupon given below must be forwarded for each question, with name and address of the questioner in all cases, but not for publication when a nom de plume is appended. Neither addresses nor recommendations are ever given. All rejected MSS. unaccompanied by stamped addressed covers will be destroyed. Requests for recipes should be addressed to "Household."]

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This must be cut out and forwarded with any question.

LOST AND FOUND.

[1. Notices to contain the following particulars only. Name of missing person. How long since last heard of. Relationship to applicant. Signature and address of applicant (not for publication). 2. Must have been missing for over one year at least. 3. Notice must come direct from relations. 4. Repetition will not be given. Notices which do not comply with these rules can only be inserted in the "Personal" advertising column at the usual charge.]

MEDICAL ADVICE.

[A physician, whose qualifications for the work are of the highest, answers ordinary questions of a medical nature. In ordinary cases the reply is given without charge under the heading "Medical" in these columns, but when written prescriptions are necessary the applicant must send stamped addressed envelope and a shilling postal order. This course must also be adopted whenever the question is of such a delicate nature as to be unfit to be dealt with publicly. The word "Medical" should appear outside.]

PATENTS.

[As we have no room for detailed information respecting the taking out of patents and collateral matters, we forward all such communications to a professional agent, who supplies the information free of charge to inquirers. The envelopes should be inscribed "Patents" on the address side.]

LEGAL.

GERARD.—Apparently each party was entitled to give a month's notice at any time, but the arrangement being of such a vague character it is impossible to say for certain.

W. W.—If it is a yearly hiring, the six months' notice must be so timed as to expire on the date when tenancy began.

CAREFULNESS.—You had far better employ a solicitor.

FAIR PLAY.—He can claim six months' notice.

URGENT.—Within three months.

R. P. A.—Nothing can be done until he is found.

APROPOS.—Impossible to say without seeing the document; it might have the effect of a will.

XTRA THICK.—They can charge whatever they please, just like other traders.

C. SEABRIDGE.—You could prosecute for inciting to a breach of the peace, but that would not entitle you to compensation.

QUERIST.—No.

DEVON.—They have full justification for retaining the securities until you settle up.

H. EDS.—No right whatever, unless they were given.

WIDOW.—Everything depends on the terms of the agreement.

PURSE.—The Married Women's Property Act forbids him so acting.

J. W. D.—The husband would take everything; you should endeavour to secure your share before her demise.

A. R.—We repeat our former reply.

POOR BUT HONEST.—They appear to be entitled to costs.

PODGER.—You could be called upon to explain; it is not a serious matter.

PIGEON.—No remedy.

J. H. J. J.—Payments must be continued.

C. C. M.—Yes.

WANT TO KNOW.—Certainly not.

NURSE.—You are entitled to a month's salary from the appointed date.

G. H.—The order still holds good.

WESTHALL.—We should like to hear what the other side has to say before giving opinion.

KO-KO.—There is no limit.

P. O. P.—He had better make report to the local registration agent of his party.

AWKWARD.—You are liable.

ANXIOUS (W. F.).—If it were done maliciously you could recover damages.

STOWMARKET.—He will be free on reaching his legal majority.

ALBERT EDWARD.—Yes.

SAM.—They share equally.

ANXIOUS (S.).—We cannot undertake what view the magistrate would take.

"PEOPLE'S" FRIEND.—Much depends [illegible] sort of annoyance; you had better warn that if she does not desist you will bring up at the police court.

J. E. B.—Quite wrong; the order remain[s in] force.

X. Y. Z.—Only at the end.

HUNGARIAN.—Must sue again.

H. CLARKE.—Rent must be paid to end [of] occupancy.

LUNAR RAINBOW.—There is no regulation fee; he could charge as much as he pleased.

ENAL.—Widow takes one-third; remainder must be kept in trust for the children till they come of age.

WORRIED.—Previous letter destroyed after receiving reply; repeat query with present question appended.

SINTRAM SINDBAD.—Half to widow; remainder among brothers and sisters equally.

DOUBTFUL.—Not liable.

T. H. C. ENFIELD.—As you must have been aware of the purchase the court would be likely to make you answerable.

CHURCHWARDEN.—Consult counsel.

ULTRA.—Not liable.

A. T. R.—If you do not obey the order of the court in either instance you will be liable to imprisonment for contempt.

E. UNION.—Agreement holds good.

INQUISITIVE.—He is too late.

DROITS.—It is not a demand, but a proposal, and its acceptance or rejection rests with your own judgment.

W. KNIGHT.—The carrier appears to be liable.

W. ROSE.—No chance at all.

ANXIOUS ONE.—No.

ROBERT S.—The whole case is governed by the conditions of the policy.

F. O. G.—Apparently they should have charged the purchaser, not yourself; it looks to be a try on; tell them to get the money out of their employer.

LUCINDA.—No breach of the regulations, as it would not be a deposit account, but an investment.

Y. Y. Y.—He is liable.

BREWER.—Yes, if they think fit.

A. COX.—You could be prosecuted.

P. R.—They had better be handed over to the purchaser at once.

A. E. D.—It is an unjust claim.

CALIBAN.—Apply to a solicitor; legal assistance is imperative.

COLMWORTH.—If the facts be as you state, you appear to have a good case for recovering the amount paid.

SOCIETY.—Apparently, yes, under section 32.

CONDITIONAL.—The tenant has no claim for compensation against his landlord, or against the owner of the next house.

MEDICAL.

PERCY.—1. Apply night and morning to each some of the salicylic acid collodion by means of a stiff brush; after 3 days soak in hot water, peel off the dried dead skin, and repeat the process until cured. 2. No.

BOGIE.—From your description we think you are suffering from hernia; you should go to the nearest hospital and get advice at once; it is very important it should be properly attended to.

MAUDE.—Dress in flannel; have the part well rubbed night and morning with the liniment terebinth acet, and well massaged daily.

TORPID.—Dress in flannel; take a varied diet of good quality; eat your food slowly, masticate it well; take 1 drachm of this medicine in 1 ounce of water after each meal: Ex. cascarae sagrad fluid, 3 drachms; tinct nucis vom et tinct belladonnae, of each 2 drachms; glycerini purif, to 2 ounces; have the region of the liver well massaged daily.

N. D. P. ROYAL MAIL.—Take ½ ounce of this medicine after each meal: Sodii sulph, 1 ounce; sodii bicarb, 3 drachms; sp ammon co, 6 drachms; inf rhei, 4 ounces; aquae menth pip, to 8 ounces.

BURNETT.—1. Apply a small quantity of this ointment each night at bed-time: Ungt acid boracic et ungt eucalyptis, of each equal parts; each morning on rising apply a woven rubber bandage 2½ inches wide from toe to knee, taking it off at bed-time. 2. An operation would cure you.

W. COLLETT.—Rub the part night and morning with the following liniment: Lin terebinth acet et lin opii, of each equal parts; take ½ ounce of this medicine in a claret-glassful of effervescing potash water 3 times a day after food: Sodii iodidi, 2 drachms; sodii bicarb, 4 drachms; potassi bicarb, 1 ounce; liq fowleri, 1½ drachms; decoct sarsae co, to 20 ounces.

J. SMITH.—Daily steam the part over boiling water; press out all black points by means of a watch key; wash with warm water and sulphur skin soap; dry well with clean, rough towel and apply some of this lotion: Sulph precip, 2 drachms; pulv calaminae, ½ drachm; glycerini, ½ ounce; aquae rosae et aquae calcis, of each equal parts to 20 ounces.

H. T. WHEELER.—We are much obliged to you for your letter, and are glad to know that the advice we gave you has had such good results.

NEMO.—Wash the head once in 10 days at bed-time with borax soap and warm water; daily apply a small quantity of this ointment: Sulphur precip, 2 drachms; tinct cantharid, ½ drachm; simple ointment, 2 ounces; take 1 [illegible] syrupus ferri quinae et [illegible] a 2 ounces of water 3 [illegible]

[illegible] k you for your letter, [illegible] that the treatment we [illegible] you so much good. 2. [illegible]

[illegible] eth you speak of would [illegible] useless; if your teeth [illegible] skilful dentist; have [illegible] good ones put in their [illegible] your health with bad [illegible] of this medicine 3 times [illegible] perchlor, 1 grain; [illegible] decoct sarsae co, to 8 [illegible] t answer this query [illegible] a careful personal [illegible] recommend a dentist. [illegible] you for your letter, and [illegible] the advice we gave you [illegible]

[illegible] y an operation. 2. Wear [illegible] or well-fitting elastic [illegible] day. 3. Arrest the [illegible], and send for a medical [illegible] upon the character of the varicosed condition.

MRS. WICKS.—1. We thank you for your letter, and are glad to know that your husband has been almost cured by the treatment we recommended. 2. Their heads should be shaved and all diseased hairs removed; wash with sulphur skin soap and warm water; dry well, and daily apply some of this ointment to each spot and its margin around: Ungt sulph iodidi; remove all scabs by poulticing or warm fomentations; give them 1 teaspoonful of this medicine twice a day after food: Syr ferri iodidi et olei morrhuae, of each equal parts.

OSMOSIS.—Requires to be carefully examined before advice can be given in your case.

KOLA.—See rules in notes to correspondents.

WIDOW.—Certainly not; it will not injure her in the least as the insulation is complete.

BEN.—Wash the head once a week at bed-time with lanoline sulphur skin soap and warm water; dry well; daily apply some of the following ointment: Ungt hydrarg ammon chlor, liquor carbonis detergens, of each 1 drachm; lanolini purif, 1 ounce.

WM. SHAKESPEARE.—Have the part well massaged daily; take 1 drachm of Easton's Syrup in 2 ounces of water after each meal.

ARIEL.—Wash with clean tepid water each night at bed-time; dry well, and apply to the edge of each lid some of this ointment: Olei rusci, ½ drachm; hydrarg ammon chlor, 4 grains; ceri galeni, 4 drachms.

C. E. S. C.—All dyes are injurious to the hair if used for any length of time.

NIL DESPERANDUM.—Shave the part for a time. Apply daily some of this ointment: Sulphur precip, 2 drachms; vaselini, 1 ounce.

ONE IN TROUBLE.—Use daily through a nasal douche this solution: Acidi carbolic, ½ drachm; glycerini boracis, 2 drachms; clean tepid water, 10 ounces. Also spray some of this solution upon the back of the throat 2 or 3 times a day.

ANXIOUS WIFE.—As for "Osmosis."

CAROLINE.—1. Bad. 2. Good. 3. Good.

TRILBY.—To 4 ounces of clean tepid water add ½ ounce of the 1 in 20 solution of carbolic acid, and sniff this solution up the nose once or twice a day. Every 2 hours after blowing the nose use a small pinch of the following snuff: Cocaine hydrochlor, 1½ grains; menthol, 2½ grains; acid salicylic, 8 grains; pulv acid boracic, 1 ounce; powdered marshmallow, 1 drachm. Take 1 2-grain quinine pill twice a day.

TORMENTED.—Take ½ ounce of this medicine in a [illegible] t water each morning on ris[ing] [illegible] t: Mag sulph, 2 ounces; [illegible] sodii chloridi, 1 drachm; [illegible] rachms; inf quassiae, 8 [illegible] a bath twice a week at [illegible] ine pine tar soap; dry [illegible] me of this ointment to [illegible] t sulphuris. [illegible] l slowly, masticate it [illegible] ittle fluid with your [illegible] this medicine in as [illegible] mediately before each [illegible] odii bicarb, of each [illegible] o, 4 drachms; pulv [illegible] ucis vom, 2 drachms; [illegible] pip, to 8 ounces. Avoid all stimulants, tea, and tobacco. Your diet should be a varied one of good quality.

DORCHESTER.—You can only obtain a certificate after going through a regular hospital training and passing an examination in the subjects taught you.

ANXIOUS ONE.—An operation will cure you. We think you would be wise to undergo it. Try to get admitted into King's College Hospital, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

G. J. M.—Go to a good surgical instrument maker's; tell them what you want.

YORK.—Use through a nasal douche this solution twice a day: Glycerini boracis, 2 [illegible] lic, ½ drachm; clean tepid [illegible] y well, and blow up the [illegible] ty of the finely-powdered [illegible]

[illegible] k you for your letter [illegible] that the treatment we [illegible] you good. Continue [illegible] ent for 2 weeks longer. [illegible] l parts well massaged [illegible] ght and morning with [illegible] Lin opii et lin terebinth [illegible] l parts. Dress in [illegible] f this medicine after [illegible] sful of effervescing [illegible] odii iodidi, 2 drachms; sodii bicarb, 4 drachms; potassii bicarb, 1 ounce; liq fowleri, 1½ drachms; inf gent co, to 20 ounces.

JAMES SCOTT.—Cut your finger nails short and keep them so; always wash your hands and scrub your nails with a nail brush before taking food; see that all drinking water has been boiled before drinking it, and all vegetables and fruit are cooked before eaten. Eat plenty of salt with your food. Take ½ ounce of this medicine 3 times a day after food: Tinct ferri mur, 1 drachm; mag sulph, 1 ounce; glycerini purif, 1 ounce; sp chloroform, 3 drachms; inf quassiae, to 8 ounces. Also take an enema (6 ounces) daily of tepid fresh infusion of quassia.

M. E. W. G., M. A., F. B., HARROLD FAY, WALTER WILLIAMS, BARNES, VANITY, A SUFFERER.—Conform to rules in notes to correspondents, restate your case, giving your correct name and address, distinctly written, in full.

HOUSEHOLD.

V. F.—Dip ordinary paper for a few seconds into a solution containing 1 part water to 6 parts sulphuric acid, then wash carefully to remove every trace of acid.

CARA.—When ripe gather them, spread them out on newspapers for a few days in a dry room they should be shelled of course, store in a perfectly dry place in dry boxes or jars.

PERSEVERE.—Cannot say.

MOURNING.—A solution of gluten is added to a lye of soda, which must stand for 24 hours, and is then filtered. In the clear liquid the hats are steeped for 12 hours. This frees from grease and secures a level colour, and the mordants of nitrate, sulphate, and acetate of iron, as well as the decoction of logwood mixed with galls are evenly taken up. The goods are finished with gum or gelatine. We have no space to go into details of work, this sort of dyeing being a manufacturer's, rather than an amateur's subject. There is, if properly done, no reason that the varnishes we have given should "chip off," laying it on too thick is the usual cause of chipping.

FORRESTER.—See issue of July 19.

ANTWERP.—If greasy, sponging with diluted benzine collas will remove them, but different stains require different treatment.

F. M.—Impossible to offer any suggestion unless you tell us what the cement is for. We might only be leading you astray.

GOGGLES.—You are quite right, it is properly called the aitch-bone, and is a good joint for boiling when cooked in the correct way.

LOUIS FAL.—Probably such a stuff could be made, but we cannot set about inventing it for you.

EDEN.—Two tablespoonfuls of prepared powdered borax will soften a pail of water of average hardness. One tablespoonful of prepared Californian borax to every gallon of hot water makes a capital steeping or soaking fluid for washing.

WORRY.—It is unusual to meet them in bedding, as they prefer kitchens, pantries, &c., where food is kept. You might try boiling pieces of string in a mixture of beer and sugar, and lay these about their haunts. Examine them every 12 hours or so, and if the strings have attracted the insects, when clear, reboil in the beer and sugar, and reset. Green wormwood leaves strewn about are said to drive them away. But if they have made a lodgment as you describe, it may necessitate your having to take the bedding to pieces, boil the feathers, wool, or whatever the stuffing is made of for half an hour or more; then boil the cases, dry, and remake. Possibly they may be a different species of insect from that named by you.

E. M. H.—If candle grease, a careful judicious use of plenty of white blotting paper and a hot iron. If oily a weak solution of benzine and water, sponge moderately and lengthwise. In some cases bread crumbs mixed either with finely-powdered French chalk or finely-powdered starch would be sufficient, but delicate colours are always difficult to manage satisfactorily.

F. P.—In issue of June 28.

GOODINGE.—Dissolve 1 quarter of an ounce carbonate of ammonia and 1 ounce carbonate of potash in 1 quart of water. Make up the following mixture:—Tincture of cantharides, 5 fluid ounces; rectified spirit, 1 pint; good rum, 3 quarts; add the first solution to the mixture, and perfume according to taste. This strengthens the hair and removes dandriff. The best method of application is to moisten all the hair with the liquid, and then rub it all over till you form a good lather, after which wash with cold water and dry thoroughly.

A. W. K.—See reply to "Goodinge" above.

E. G.—The recipe for walnut ketchup was given in issue of Aug. 16, to which we must refer you.

MARY.—Not till spring—end of March or April.

NATURAL HISTORY.

W. S.—Any plant you see growing in fresh waters. Watercress is as pretty as any, and easy to grow.

J. N.—Keep it in a warm, but well ventilated room. Add lettuce seed to its other food, and give it no sweetstuff.

S. J. W.—Earthworms, mealworms, and pieces of raw meal, and hemp, canary seed, and bread crumbs mixed together and moistened with water.

C. E. B.—In the winter wrap it in flannel and put it in the house in a box. It will require no food.

PETE.—Young mice, young sparrows, birds eggs, and raw meal, and sop made of any kind of seeds and bread moistened with water.

NOVICE.—Put a little sulphur in his food and, brush him well every morning with a hard brush.

M. FIELDING.—It is the grub of the hawk moth.

H. W. L.—They eat almost anything; quite hardy; hibernate during winter.

W. E. B.—The symptoms you describe are too uncommon to admit of diagnosis. We suspect the presence of microscopic parasites not visible to the unaided eye.

GARDENING.

T. L.—It is impossible to name plants from leaves only. Send a spray in blossom.

F. E. SMITH.—Sprinkle the bed with tepid water, and cover the bed with hay rushes or litter. This will hasten the growth. The atmosphere of the house is probably too dry.

E. A. P.—The plant enclosed is the common Club Moss Lycopodium Clevatum. There are two species indigenous to Britain, but many have been introduced from other countries which require greenhouse culture.

NORWOOD.—Liquid manure will stimulate the growth of ivy, but it is too late in the season to do much now. I am afraid mending leaky garden hose will be a difficult business. Try a patch of thin gutta percha.

CONSTANT READER.—Pot up a few plants of lobelia and keep on a shelf near the glass through the winter, and take cuttings of the young sprouts in spring. If you have no greenhouse keep the plants in a light window.

EAST SHEEN.—Lime varies in quality, but usually 1 of lime to 3 of sand will make strong mortar, but making good mortar requires some experience, and scarcely pertains to gardening.

PATRICK.—Ivy would be most suitable; buy 2 or 3 plants and carefully nail up the tendrils. Good rich soil is required.

FINANCIAL.

S. S. PLYMOUTH.—The sum being so very small, you had better place it on deposit at the Post Office.

W. G.—Anything but a good investment; that is, if you care for safety.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRIXTON.—Quite too unimportant to be on permanent record.

JOINDER.—We are not acquainted with its ingredients; you had better inquire at some hospital where it is used.

C. J.—Not within the scope of our knowledge.

FIRE BRIGADE.—Inquire at the headquarters.

W. TEMPLE.—First clear off all the old enamel and thoroughly clean the whole service. Then apply with a brush the new enamel, being careful to lay it on smoothly and always in the one direction. One question, one coupon.

NELLY.—Thoroughly brush and expose to sunshine for a couple of hours. Then apply pepper and camphor.

G. G.—Quite correct.

ALONE.—It rests entirely with the insurance office.

LOUIS FAL.—German.

R. H. A.—Apply to the local police authority, Cleveland Green. We cannot comply with your request.

A. O. C.—At Leeds, Feb. 25, 1879.

S. H.—Try paraffin.

UNO.—Apply to the Local Government Board.

X. Y. Z.—There is no fixed tariff; take it to a dealer and ask him to name what he would give.

J. WILSON.—We have no means of ascertaining his address.

INDAGATOR.—Guelph.

EDDIE.—There is no record.

T. U.—We cannot find the alleged paragraph; inquire at the station.

H. CHECKETTS.—Dr. W. G. Grace's testimonial amounted to over £9,000 and under £10,000.

LOST AND FOUND.

MISSING.

Mary, Ellen, and Agnes Shields, or Shaham, at Deptford, about 17 or 18 years ago. Nephew.

John Lacy Riley, went to Melbourne in 1880. Brother.

Mrs. Nathaniel Hawk Wegg, previously Christina Wegg, left London for Brisbane in 1878. Mother.

William Copping, late R.E., returned to England 4 years ago. Brother.

Mrs. Berry, left London for Southampton 3½ years ago. Sister Jane.

Robert John Hamilton, sailed for New Zealand in 1884. Sister.

FOUND.

"Sir,—I do not know if I am the Must inquired for, but I am James Must, and have nieces whom I have not seen for years.—J. MUST, 9, Hercules-rd., Holloway-rd., N.

"Sir,—Received communication from your paper. My address is: ROBERT FITT, G.P.O., Brisbane, Queensland."

J. T. Hopkinson, the well-known Alfreton football player, has died from injuries accidentally inflicted in a match at Somercotes.

THE GARDEN.

(WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR "THE PEOPLE.")

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE.

It is not in every garden where these beautiful winter flowering plants thrive. They do best in a deep rich loam. In soils of this character, it matters not whether the plants are in shade or sunshine, but in dry porous situations, they perish in dry summers unless heavily mulched and copiously watered. In preparing the site for a group of Christmas roses, trench it at least 2ft. deep, and work in plenty of old vegetable soil and charred garden refuse with a little good old cow manure. The best time to divide the roots for the purpose of increase is early in spring, just as they begin to make new growth. But if the large old clumps are doing well it is not always wise to disturb them, as they take so long to get well established again. I have generally done best by dividing comparatively young plants, which are full of vigour. Well-established clumps may be moved now, or be potted up for forcing, but they should not be disturbed more than is absolutely necessary, but as far as possible be lifted with balls. Roots imported from the continent are very difficult to get established, and, therefore, they are not cheap in the long run. It is better to purchase strong clumps from an English grower. The old type of Hellebore Niger is inferior to the variety named Niger maximus. The flowers of the last-named are larger and more numerous, and large plants in good-sized pots are very useful under glass in winter. I have seen this variety grown in tubs for the purpose of flowering under glass in winter. A little stimulant was given occasionally, and the result was magnificent clusters of foliage and flowers which completely filled the tubs. The plants seeded freely too, and many seedlings were raised from them. They were kept in a cool greenhouse till spring, and were then placed outside for the summer with a little top-dressing and a little artificial manure in the water. They will go on improving for years. There are other hellebores, but they flower later, and are not so interesting.

BULBS FOR THE GREENHOUSE.

Those who grow many bulbs should at once make a selection and send in their orders. Firstcomers generally have the best bulbs. Hyacinths, daffodils, tulips, freesias, anemones, &c., are all more or less in demand for pot culture for the greenhouse or rooms. Never, I suppose, was there such a demand for certain kinds of bulbs as at the present, but the greatest increase has been with the narcissus or daffodils. Thousands are now grown for cut flowers in many single establishments. The double Van Sion and the single trumpet are among the easiest things to force, and the paper white is also very useful. These may be planted thickly in large pots or boxes where cut flowers is the only object, and if placed soon after Christmas in a vinery or peachhouse at work they will be in blossom by the beginning of March or even earlier, and if given a little more heat will blossom in February. These are so easy to manage it is next to impossible to fail with them if the bulbs have been well grown and come to hand in good condition. The first importations this year are very good, and will produce plenty of fine blossoms. In potting daffodils, tulips, gladiolas, freesias, and anemones, cover the bulbs, but hyacinths are better with the tops of the bulbs exposed. Hyacinths are different to many things; if the flowers have not been made up by previous good culture we cannot produce, and neither can we do much to influence the growth. I have as good spikes produced when the bulbs have been grown in glasses as when grown in the best possible soil in pots and carefully supported with liquid stimulants. This refers in a large measure to all forcing bulbs and plants. They have been specially created for a particular purpose, and if rightly managed will flower well. The large jonquil forces well, and the flowers are very sweet for cutting. Anemones, scarlet and others, are nice for the greenhouse and the room. Irises are commonly grown in pots for forcing, but the English and Spanish are very manageable in pots or boxes; and as the bulbs are very cheap, they will be probably more grown for early flowering, and last fairly long in a cut state, and the colours cannot be had in any other flowers. There are reports from Bermuda that the crop of Lilium Harrisi is small this year, but Lilium longiflorum eximeni, is a good substitute for Harrisi, in fact, I like it better. Any good sweet fresh soil will grow bulbs. Loam, leaf-mould, and sand, equal parts of the 2 first and 1-8th part of sand, will suit all bulbs well.

GATHERING FRUIT.

The early kinds of apples and pears should not be permitted to fall to the ground. Some few kinds may be eaten off the trees, but they are rarely first-rate till laid up for a time to finish them off. There is no better place than a dry cellar for storing apples and pears. The Americans store their apples they send us in barrels. They are placed in the barrels when gathered, and are not opened till they reach this country, but great care is exercised in rejecting all bruised or spotted fruit. Those who are short of room may pack in barrels and boxes, and place in a cellar till wanted.

WINDOW GARDENING.

The time for striking cuttings successfully is fast going, therefore lose no more time. Pot early flowering bulbs, and cover cocoa fibre or ashes outside.

ADAM.

IF YOU REQUIRE APPARATUS FOR HEATING & PROPAGATING PURPOSES (GAS, OIL, OR COKE), SEND for ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE to C. TOOPE, F.R.H.S., and SON, STEPNEY-SQUARE, HIGH-STREET, STEPNEY, LONDON, E.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

There is some entertaining reading in "Joe Smith and his Waxworks" (Beeman), by "Bill Smith," but the fun is sometimes laboured to the extent of producing a distinct sense of weariness. The author will do better when he learns, as many actors have done, that there is a wide difference between clowning and humour. "Chrystal, the Newest of Women" (Digby, Long, and Co.), by "An Exponent," will not please many readers; it introduces as its heroine a singularly pragmatical young person, very badly afflicted with "views," while the rest of the characters are equally uninteresting. It is not often that a duller book makes pretence to sprightliness. Immeasurably superior in every way is "The Story of a Fool and his Folly" (Hutchinson and Co.), by Nora Wynne. There is a lot of "go" in this well-written story, and some fairly successful efforts at clear characterisation. A useful brochure for the amateur photographer presents itself in "Early Work in Photography" (Dawbarn and Ward), by W. E. Henry. It contains many practical suggestions of real value to beginners. Messrs. Weekes, of Hanover-street, forward a selection of new music, both vocal and instrumental, including "Technical Studies for the Pianoforte," by James Price. Many of the compositions are tuneful and artistic; all have more or less quality. More music, also of high quality and beautifully printed, comes from Messrs. Robert Cocks, New Burlington-street. The consignment includes, in addition to several tuneful drawing-room songs, a choral ballad, entitled "Sir Humphrey Gilbert," the libretto being by May Gillington, and the music by George F. Vincent. It bids fair to achieve considerable popularity. Turning back to literature, we take up "A Winning Hazard" (Fisher Unwin), with full assurance of deriving pleasure from its perusal, inasmuch as the title page bears the honoured name of Mrs. Alexander. Nor does disappointment attend this inevitable expectation; the authoress is seen at her very best, with the result that the reader gets a solid lump of enjoyment. Another excellent novel is "For Such is Life" (Warne and Co.), by Silas K. Hocking; it is full of living interest, owing partly to the clever manner in which the plot is worked out, and partly to the strength and clearness of the characterisation. Of a wholly different type is "The Locomotive Engine and its Development" (Crosby, Lockwood, and Son), by Clement E. Stretton. It has already run through 4 editions, but the public demand was not satisfied with that. "Chapman's Magazine" is a decidedly strong number; among other good stuff it contains "The Mad Steam Roller," in which Mr. Alden gives free rein to his peculiar humour.

A new set of rules for London cabs came into force this week. Cab proprietors will be subject to a penalty if they sub-let their vehicles, and licenses can be refused to a proprietor convicted of cruelty. The scale of charge for carrying children is also altered.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

There is no longer any mystery about the crime of the Rue Fontaine, Paris. Old Bedel, who accused 3 persons of attempting to murder and rob him, has now hanged himself. He has been found dead in his room, dangling from a hook in the ceiling. The young man who was accused of having a hand in the supposed crime was discharged from custody shortly after the beginning of the magisterial investigation. One of the women was next liberated, and the elderly ex-danseuse of the Opera, who used to visit Bedel, was freed next night. It was proved beyond doubt that the extraordinary old man had gashed at his own throat in order to make believe that the persons who were in the habit of visiting him tried to assassinate him. He probably tied the noose round his neck through fear of being called to account by the law, or, according to another hypothesis, because he was afraid of losing the annuity allowed him by the lady in whose employment he formerly was.

CAMBERWELL CHILDREN.

CORONER'S JURY EXPRESS A DECIDED OPINION.

Dr. Whithorne, Camberwell-rd., was called in to see the infant daughter of Frances and Thomas Saunders, living at Hollington-st., and found the child in a dying state. Prior to the inquest, the doctor made a post mortem. There was, he told the coroner, nothing but bone and shrivelled skin. All the organs were healthy, but the intestines were completely empty. Judging from appearances, he should say that the child had had nothing to eat for 2 or 3 days. The body weighed 7½lb., the normal weight being 25lb. The cause of death was exhaustion from insufficient and improper food, as well as neglect.—Elizabeth Hogan, a neighbour, said that she had known the mother about 18 months.—Coroner: Are you a mother? Oh, yes;

I'VE HAD 14 CHILDREN.

—Are they all living? Oh, no; only 4.—How did you get rid of the other 10? Oh, they died by themselves.—From what cause? Oh, from bronchitis, inflammation, and all that.—And a lucky thing for them, I should say.—Juror: I'm not satisfied with the case at all. We have been told a pack of lies from beginning to end, in my opinion.—Coroner: In what state were the children?—Tait (coroner's officer): When I called, filthy dirty.—After a long deliberation the jury returned a verdict according to the medical testimony, and requested the coroner to severely censure the mother, whereupon Mr. Wyatt called her forward and told her she ought to consider herself a lucky woman that the jury had taken so lenient a view of the case, otherwise she would have found herself charged with manslaughter. He advised her to be more careful in the future, and added that he was so dissatisfied with the case he should disallow the witnesses their expenses.

SUICIDE AT WIMBLEDON.

A suicide of a sensational nature has occurred on Wimbledon Common. About 1.30 a.m. P.C. Sugden, 526 V, was on duty near the Green Man at Putney Heath, when he heard the report of a revolver. He at once proceeded along the north side of Wimbledon Common, and after about an hour's search discovered a man in a sitting position under a tree, nearly opposite Ashburton Lodge. A 6-chambered revolver was still tightly clutched in the right hand, one of the chambers having been discharged. There was a wound on the right temple, and also on the top of the head, where it is supposed the bullet made its exit. Dr. S. Secombe was called, and pronounced life extinct. In one of the pockets, scrawled on a piece of paper, was the following:—"My address is 54, Charlwood-rd., Putney. Communicate with my sister, Mrs. Mead, of Maida Vale.—(Signed)—WALTER HOPE." Later in the day the body was identified by the landlady from Charlwood-rd. as that of her lodger, a young man named Hope.

SEQUEL TO A BET.

At Kingston-on-Thames, Samuel Tagg and Herbert Tagg, East Molesey, were summoned for using abusive and threatening language, the former towards Mr. C. B. Hill, and the latter towards Mr. F. C. Popham, residing at Chelwood, Hampton.—It appears that Mr. Hill heard that Samuel Tagg was a person who made bets, and he accordingly gave him some money to put on a horse running at Goodwood. The horse won, and Mr. Hill had 17s. to receive. When he asked for the money, however, Tagg refused to pay, threatened him, and used abusive and insulting language, which he continued in the presence of a constable. Mr. Popham saw Herbert Tagg at the Island Hotel, and taking him for his brother asked why the money had not been paid to Mr. Hill, whereupon Herbert Tagg abused and threatened him.—The magistrates fined Samuel Tagg £1 or 14 days, and Herbert Tagg £1 or 7 days.

CHARGE OF STABBING.

George Prater, 18, labourer, living in Garvan-rd., Fulham, was re-examined on a charge of stabbing another youth named Tomlin, Crefield-rd., in the back with a knife while in Everington-st.—The evidence of complainant was to the effect that while passing prisoner said, "Now see me stab him," and then inflicted the wound, afterwards walking away, and leaving him bleeding.—Complainant again attended the court, and said he was better, but he was not quite well.—Prisoner said it was the result of an accident, and his explanation of the occurrence was that he had the knife out, paring his nails, when the complainant came along. He called a witness, who said complainant was not sober and rolled against the knife.—Mr. Hannay looked over the depositions, and said the doctor thought considerable force was used. — Complainant was recalled, and asked if prisoner had any spite against him, and he said he had not.—Mr. Hannay treated it as a common assault, and sentenced prisoner to 14 days' imprisonment, taking into consideration that he had had already 1 week.

SEQUEL TO A BOND ROBBERY.

At Bow-st., John Mortimer, alias Alfred Mortimer, and George Mueller, described as a financial agent, whose address was at first refused, but was now stated to be an hotel in Mortimer-st., was charged on a provisional warrant with being suspected of the crime of larceny in France.—This is the case in which prisoner, a naturalised British subject, who was arrested at Pelham-pl., South Kensington, by Det.-insp. Bartels, is supposed to be concerned in an alleged foreign bond robbery in Paris.—Mr. Crawshaw at the last hearing, took the objection that it was laid down that native born or naturalised subjects of either country are exempt from extradition. The magistrate admitted the objection, but at that stage declined to release prisoner, who had now been remanded 5 times.—Mr. Lushington said he had received no order to proceed in the case, and could not therefore take evidence.—Prisoners were again remanded, bail being refused.

The balance-sheet of the fund in aid of the victims of the fire in Kipling-st., Bermondsey, has just been issued, and shows that over £77 was collected. Over £32 has been paid to Mr. Millward, who lost his home and 4 children, and most of the rest has been spent in furniture and clothing.

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THE CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL.

BY RICHARD MARSH,

AUTHOR OF "MRS. MUSGRAVE—AND HER HUSBAND," "THE MAHATMA'S PUPIL," "THE DEVIL'S DIAMOND," ETC., ETC.

BOOK III.—THE WOMAN.

(THE STORY AS TOLD BY MRS. CARRUTH.)

CHAPTER XXI.

THE ADVENTURES OF A NIGHT.

To have fallen out of an express train going at full speed! I have had some strange experiences, for a mere woman. But this, I think, beats all.

And to owe it to Thomas Tennant! I will be even with him yet.

I went down to Brighton to spend the Sunday with Lettice Enderby—she was acting at the theatre there. I found her not feeling very well. We spent the day alone together. After dinner I had to make a rush for the train. Who should I find myself shut in with as soon as the train had started, but Tommy Tennant.

It was years and years since we had seen each other. And all the world had happened since we had. But, so far as personal appearance was concerned, he had not changed a bit. He was still the same jack pudding sort of little man, with round eyes and rosy cheeks. I knew him at sight. What was queerer, he knew me. I take that as a compliment. I flatter myself that I have not changed, except for the better, since those days of long ago. Tommy's prompt recognition was the best testimony to the truth of this fact I could possibly have had.

Although more than seas divided us, and never was a past more dead than his and mine, at the sight of Tommy all my old grudge against him came back again. Perhaps the glass or two of wine I had had with Lettice might have had something to do with it, but directly I saw him I flew into a rage. Tommy Tennant always has been the ideal man I hate. Give me them good or give me them bad, but do give me them one or the other. The irresolute, backboneless, jelly-like sort of man is beyond endurance.

If Thomas Tennant ever had a backbone he lost it in his cradle!

He always used to be afraid of me. In that respect, as in the others, I found he had not changed. He was frightened half out of his life directly he saw who it was. When I began talking to him he started shivering—literally shivering—in a way which made me wild. I do like a man who can hold his own. Talk about conscience making cowards of us all; I like the man of whom nothing can make a coward. He got into such a state of mortal terror that he actually tried to steal out of the carriage and escape from me while the train was going, for all I know, perhaps fifty miles an hour.

That was how the trouble all began. It would have spoiled the sport to have let him go, so I tried to stop him. He had opened the carriage door, and in endeavouring to prevent his going out, I went out instead.

That is the simple truth.

There never was a more astonished woman. I doubt if there ever was one with so much reason for astonishment. How it happened, or exactly what happened, I do not know. There was not time enough to clearly understand. I discovered that I was standing upon nothing, and then that I was flying backwards through the air. After that I suppose I lost my seven senses.

I could not, however, have lost them for long. Perhaps for not more than a minute or so. When I came to I opened my eyes, and looking up saw that the moon was shining in the sky overhead, and that it was almost as light as day. I wondered where I was, and whether the end of the world had come. I found that I was lying among a group of bushes on what seemed a sloping bank, and that something very like a miracle had taken place. Falling out of the train while it was rushing along the top of an embankment, I must have gone, backwards, into a bush, which while it had let me through, had sufficed to break my fall. I must have rolled down the bank, until I was stopped by the clump of bushes amidst which I found myself.

The miracle was that I was unhurt. I was a trifle shaken and a trifle dazed. But not a bone was broken, and I felt that, so far as material damage was concerned, I could get up when I chose and walk off, practically as if nothing had occurred.

But I was a trifle dazed, and it was some moments before my senses quite returned to me. What hastened their return was the fact of my hearing footsteps. I listened. Somebody was walking, and not very far off either. The person, whoever it was, seemed to be quite close at hand. I did not know whereabouts I might be lying. I was only aware that I was somewhere between Brighton and London. I had no notion how far I might be from a station or a town. It struck me that it would be just as well that I should discover who the pedestrian might chance to be.

As I was about to rise, with the intention of prospecting, something heavy falling among the bushes almost on top of me startled me half out of my wits. I sprang to my feet. At the bottom of the bank on the other side of a fence which formed a boundary between the railway and the country beyond, a man stood, staring at me in the moonlight. He was tall, and he wore a long black overcoat and a billycock hat; even then, and in that light, I could see he was a gentleman. But it was the look which was on his face which took me aback. I never saw such a look on a man's face before. He stared at me as if he was staring at a ghost. And, just as I was about to accost him, and to request his assistance, at least to the extent of informing me as to my whereabouts, leaping right round, he began to tear across the moonlit field as if Satan was at his heels.

I was going to call and beg him not to leave me, a stranger in the land, alone in the lurch like that, when I was reminded of the something which had fallen among the bushes, and which had first made me conscious of his presence, by kicking against something which felt soft and yielding, and which was lying on the ground.

I stooped down to see what it was.

"Sakes alive! It's a woman!"

It was; a young woman, and she was dead. No wonder he had stared at me as if he had been staring at a ghost. No wonder, as he saw me looking at him from among the bushes, that he had thought that the victim of his handiwork had risen from the dead to look again upon his face. No wonder he had torn for his life across the grass, feeling that she was at his heels.

I seemed to be in for a pretty thing. I have looked upon dead folk many a time; yes, and upon not a few who have come to their death by "accident." I have lived in parts of the world in which life is not held so sacred as it is in England. Where not such a fuss is made every time the doctor is forestalled—where the doctor is not the only individual who is licensed to kill; where men shoot now and then at sight, and, when they are pushed to it, women too. I know a girl—and liked her—who shot a man who had insulted her in New Orleans, and left him on the sidewalk. Nobody said a word. She is married now to a rich man, and to a good man, as good men go, and she has a family, and she is highly esteemed in England. That seems odd, but I suppose the fact is that when one is in Rome one does as the Romans do, and that is all about it.

And at that moment I happened to be in England, and I made up my mind there and then that, if I could help it, I would have no finger in the pie. I had no desire to go into the witness-box—I would almost as soon have gone into the dock. Cross-examining counsel have a knack of making mincemeat of a witness. Things come out—the things which one would much rather did not come out. I had not returned to England, a widow, with my big pile, with the intention of coming such a cropper at the outset. Rather than be mixed up in such a mess in England, I would almost sooner take my passage in the first steamer back to the States, and count the ties out West again.

Please the fates, I had done with scandals—fresh ones, anyhow—for the rest of my days. The woman was dead. She was beyond my help. Let whoever found her hang the man who laid her there. The house in which I lived was too transparent for me to indulge in the luxury of throwing stones.

I gathered myself together. The most miraculous part of the business was that my clothing seemed to have escaped uninjured; falling backwards had been my salvation. I peeped at my face in my handglass. I seemed to be all right—right enough, at anyrate, to pass muster at night and in a crowd. I went up the bank to the line. From that altitude I had a good view of the surrounding country. Straight along the line to the left, not so very far away, lights were glimmering. I made up my mind to chance it, to keep along the line and to make for them.

They proved to be the lights of a station. The station was Three Bridges Junction. I managed to enter it to the best of my knowledge and belief, entirely unobserved. I thanked my stars when I felt the platform beneath my feet.

From the mirror in the waiting-room I learned that my handglass had not deceived me. I could pass muster. A woman in the room addressed me—she and I had it to ourselves.

"Excuse me, miss, but do you know your back's all covered with weeds."

As she brushed them off I thanked her, murmuring something about my having been sitting on the grass.

Going out on to the platform I all but came into collision with the man who had stood staring at me from the other side of the railing. The sight of him fairly took my breath away. He was going from me or he could scarcely have failed to notice the singularity of my demeanour. It was he, there could be no mistake about that. But, lest I might be in error, I resolved to have another glimpse at him. Before I could put my resolution into force he had vanished, into what I discovered to be, as I strolled slowly past it, a refreshment room.

I should not wonder if he did stand in need of refreshment!

There did not appear to be a seat in the place. English people talk about the discomfort of the American depôts, but my experience is that, from the discomfort point of view, the average English station runs the American depôt hard. I sat down on one of those square trollies which the porters use for baggage. There I watched and waited for my gentleman to emerge, refreshed. The trolly was close to the refreshment room. I could see him at the bar. He was not content with one drink. He disposed of two.

Probably he needed them!

Presently he came out. He had had his back towards me while he had been drinking. As he came out of the buffet, turning, he walked in the direction of the trolly on which I was sitting. He moved right past, so close to me that by putting out my foot, I could have tripped him up.

It was he. My first impression had not been wrong. That he had got cured of his fright was plain—certainly he showed no signs of it. He seemed quite at his ease. His hands were in the pockets of his overcoat, an umbrella was under his arm, a cigarette was between his teeth. There might not have been such a thing as a ghost—or the shadow of the shade of a ghost—in all the world.

Back he came. He sailed up to a porter. I heard him asking him when there was a train to town. As the man, having given the information, was making off, I cut in. I put to my gentleman the question which he had put to the porter.

"Can you tell me when the next train starts for London?"

He told me what I asked, adding a word or two on his own account, as I had expected and desired. I responded. He seemed disposed for sociability. Why should I object? We began to talk. The end of it was that we travelled in the same compartment up to town.

It was so funny!

He was that most remarkable product—an English gentleman. Given the real article—and there is no mistaking it when once encountered—there is nothing in the world which can be compared to it. I speak who knows. He was tall. He was perfectly dressed. He was handsome—I never saw a more handsome man. And he had that air of infinite, yet unconscious, condescension which the English gentleman, alone of all the creatures of the world, is born with, and which willy-nilly he carries with him from the cradle to the grave.

They tell you, in the different countries of the world, that the Englishman is awkward, shy, ungraceful, seldom at his ease. May be, but not the English gentleman. He is the only man I have known who is always at his ease in every possible situation. But he is not to be found on every bush. Even in his own country he is the rarest of rare birds. Being born a peer, even though he can trace his tree to Noah, does not make a man a gentleman—you bet that it does not. I believe that an English gentleman is a caprice, an accident. He is not to be accounted for by natural laws. And though, for all I know, he may be trusted by his fellows, he is not to be trusted by a woman. He has one code of honour for his own sex and another for ours.

That is so, though it may not be according to the copy books.

My friend the gentleman was a real smart man. As he lolled back in his seat, enjoying his tobacco, it did you good to see him smile. His voice was typical of his kind, it fell like music on your ears. As you looked at him and listened, you could have sworn that he had not a care upon his mind. He was at peace with himself, and all the world. And it was all so natural; he was to the manner born.

I found him quite delightful. I could see what he was doing—he was reckoning me up. And he was puzzled where to place me. I took him into my real confidence, for reasons of my own, and that puzzled him still more. I told him nothing but the truth. How I had gone out to America, and met poor dear Daniel, and married him. And how he had died and left me a widow, and his pile to comfort me. And how I had come back to England childless and forlorn and all alone. I laid stress upon my loneliness. I think that touched him; when a woman tells a man that she is lonely he takes it that she means that there is not a man anywhere in sight, and that the coast is clear for him, and that does touch him. His manner became quite sympathetic. He was as nice as nice could be—allusive, as a real smart man can be, with a delicate, intangible, directness almost equal to a woman's.

We were almost like old friends by the time that we reached town. He put me into a hansom at Victoria station. I asked him to come and see me, to have consideration for my loneliness. He promised that he would. All the way home as the cab bore me through the streets, I kept thinking of Mr. Reginald Townsend—that was the name which he had given me—and of the woman he had left, lying by the line, amidst that clump of bushes.

I believe I have written that I like a man to be thorough. It seemed probable that Mr. Townsend was that.

CHAPTER XXII.

LOUISE O'DONNEL'S FATHER.

Next day Jack Haines came to see me. Mr. Haines promised to be a nuisance.

Jack Haines and Daniel J. Carruth had been partners. I might have married either of them—for the matter of that, I might have married anyone in Strikehigh City. Of two evils I chose what seemed to me to be the lesser, which was Daniel. For one thing, he was the boss partner and had the larger share, and for another, he was the older man. I could have twisted either of them round my finger, but it occurred to me that I might manage best with Daniel. So I became Mrs. Daniel J. Carruth, and poor dear Daniel lived just long enough to capitalise his share—he made a better thing of it than we had either of us expected—and then he died. Hardly was he buried, than the chief mourner at his funeral, Mr. Haines, wanted me to marry him. He hinted that it would be just as well to keep the partnership alive, which struck me as absurd. Anyhow, I did not seem to see it. I came straight away to England, instead of marrying him, with the intention of getting as much fun out of Daniel's dollars as I possibly could.

What I had not bargained for was his coming after me.

The folks in Strikehigh City had all lived queer lives. But I rather guess that, in some ways, Jack Haines had lived one of the queerest. He had told me about it over and over again, and, whatever I might think of him, I knew that he had told me the truth.

He had been married. He and his wife had lived like cat and dog. She had died. She had left a daughter. He had brought the daughter up—trying to rule her with a heavy hand. There came a time when she objected. There was a disturbance—she left him. That was just before he came to Strikehigh City—in fact, her going sent him there, and he had never seen her since. I could see plainly that he had been more in the wrong than she had. In his way, he loved her. His conscience pricked him all the time. When Daniel died, it began to prick him worse than ever. Finding that I would not have him, he set himself to look for her.

This I learned from his own lips when I met him again in London.

It seemed that, when she had left him the girl had gone on to the stage—attaching herself to a variety show. From that she had passed to a burlesque troupe. The burlesque troupe had gone to England—she went with it. The burlesque troupe returned—she had stayed behind. No doubt for reasons of her own. Jack Haines wanted very much to know what those reasons were, because, no sooner had the troupe gone, and left her, than she vanished. No one seemed to have the faintest notion what had become of her. She had simply disappeared—gone clean out of sight.

The old man had come over to see if he could not succeed where others had failed; if he could not light on the clue which others had missed.

The desire to find the girl had become with him a regular mania. It was like a bee in his bonnet. It occupied his thoughts, to the exclusion of all else, both by night and day. As I have said, the man was becoming a nuisance. I did not want to quarrel with him, but I saw that, without a quarrel, I never should be rid of him. He insisted on making me his confidant. And, although I took care never to give him a chance to say a word outright, I knew that, as soon as he had found the girl, he would renew that hint about the desirability of keeping the partnership alive.

On the day after that little trip to Brighton, he turned up in my drawing-room. I had run over to Kensington High-street for something. When I came back, there he was—and I was not by any means best pleased to see him there.

I should have disliked him for one thing if I had disliked him for nothing else—he was so deadly serious. I do not think I ever saw him smile. Indeed, I doubt if he had a smile left in him. He had no sense of humour, and, to him, a joke was as meaningless as double Dutch. He was bald at the top of his head, his face was as long as one's arm, his eyes generally had an expressionless, fish-like sort of stare, and, since he had assumed the garb of respectability, he was always attired in funeral black. He seemed to be under the impression that that was the only hue in which respectability could appear. As for his temper, it varied from doubtful to bad, and from bad to worse, and when he was in a rage, which he quickly was, he was by no means an agreeable person to have to deal with. He and Daniel were always falling out, and, until I came upon the scene, he used to ride over poor dear Daniel rough shod. But, when I did come I let him understand that whoever fell out with Daniel fell out with me.

For my part, I did not wonder so much at his daughter's having run away, as at her having lived with him as long as she did.

His hat was on one chair, his umbrella on another. He himself sat, with his hands clasped in front of him, on a little centre table, in an attitude which suggested that he was about to offer prayer. He did not rise as I entered—respectability has not yet worked such havoc with him as that. He stared at me as I went in, solemnly speechless, as if he wondered how I could venture to interrupt the meeting.

"Well, Mr. Haines, any news?"

I did not care if there was any news, but I did object to his sitting and staring at me like that.

"She is dead."

"Dead!—You don't mean it!—How do you know?"

"It was told me last night in a dream."

Among the rest of his little peculiarities he was one of the most superstitious creatures breathing. In religion, I believe, he called himself a spiritualist. Anyhow, he was always seeing things, and hearing things, and having things revealed to him. Talking to him in some of his moods reminded one of that scene in Richard II. where the poor dear king wants to sit upon a gravestone and talk of epitaphs.

"Is that the only reason why you know that she is dead—because it was told you in a dream?"

"Do not mock at me. The voice which speaks to me in visions does not lie. I saw a coffin lying in an open grave, and 'Louise O'Donnel' was on the coffin lid."

"You did not happen to see in which particular graveyard that grave might be located."

"I did not. But I know that she is dead. My daughter, oh, my daughter!"

I had to turn aside to smile. I grant that it was not a subject for laughter—but he was so funny!

"And as I looked, the coffin lid was lifted. And, on her breast, there was an open wound."

He rose, slowly, painfully, inch by inch. He pointed with his right hand towards the floor.

"Woman, my daughter has been slain."

"Really, Mr. Haines, you are always seeing the most dreadful things in dreams. If I were you I should take less supper."

"It's not the supper. It's the spirit."

"Well, in that case, I should take less of that."

He frowned.

"You know very well what I mean. I am not speaking of the spirit of alcohol, but of the spirit of the soul. Now one task is ended. Another is begun. I will be the avenger of blood. Mine will it be to execute judgment on him who has destroyed my daughter's body, having first of all destroyed her soul."

"Jack Haines, what nonsense you do talk."

"What do you mean, woman?"

"My good man, do you think that you awe me by your persistence in calling me woman? I am a woman, but, let me tell you in confidence, that you strike me as only being part of a man!"

"You jeer at me. You are always jeering. You know not what you say."

"That is good—from you. Your style of conversation may have been suited to Strikehigh City, where they all were lunatics. But, in London, it is out of place."

"London!—bah!"

He threw out his arms, as if to put the idea of London clean behind him.

"Precisely. Then if it's London!—bah! Why don't you return to Strikehigh City?"

"I will finish the work which I came to do. Then I will return."

I had sat down on an easy chair. I had crossed my legs, and was swinging my foot in the air. Old Haines stood glowering down at me, clenching his fists to hold his temper in. I looked him up and down. After all, he was, every inch of him, a narrow-minded, cross-grained hide-bound New Englander.

"You are more likely to see the inside of a prison, if you don't take care. You know, they manage things differently upon this side. Jack Haines, let me speak to you a word in season—a candid word. It may do you good. You killed your wife; I do not mean, legally, but you killed her all the same. A prolonged course of you would be sufficient to kill any wife."

"Woman!"

"You drove your daughter from you. So unwilling was she to have it known that she was connected with you, that she took her mother's name. She called herself Louise O'Donnel. Under that name, she came to England. Conscious that, even underneath her mother's name, you might trace her out in England, she has changed her name again. Under that new name, she is deliberately hiding herself away from you."

"It is false."

"It may be. It is but a surmise. But, as such, it is at least as much likely to be correct as yours."

"She is dead."

"You have not one jot or tittle of proof that she is anything of the kind."

"I will have proof." He brought down his fist upon my pretty, fragile table, with a crash. "I will have proof."

"Don't destroy the furniture."

"Furniture!" He glared at the inoffensive table, as if he would have liked to have chopped it into firewood. "You should not anger me. I say that I will have proof. And I will have proof of who it is has murdered her. And I will find him, though he hides himself in the uttermost corners of the earth. And, when I have found him, I will have a quittance."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Do you not know what I mean? Have you known me so short a time that you should need to ask?"

"Do you mean that, if there is any thing in these wild dreams of yours, you will kill the man who has killed your girl?"

He raised his hands above his head, in a sort of paroxysm.

"Like a dog."

"Then let me tell you that you are treading the road which leads to the gallows. They manage things in their own way upon this side. Killing's murder here. And the more excuse you think you have the tighter you're likely to fit the rope about your neck."

"The hemp has not been sown which shall hang me on an English gallows. Do you think I am afraid?"

He gave me the creeps. Although it surpassed my powers to adequately explain the thing, I knew that he had a trick of seeing things which had taken place before they became known to other people. I had had unpleasant experience of it more than once. One might begin by laughing at what he called his dreams, and his visions, but, in the end, the laugh was apt to be upon the other side.

It was quite possible that his girl was dead. Young, pretty, simple, innocent, alone in a foreign land, what more possible? It was even possible that she had been done to death. Someone might think that no one would miss her. In that case, that someone might as well at once place himself in the hangman's hands, as wait to interview Jack Haines.

I was glad to be rid of him. He was not a cheerful companion at the best of times. But, since he had got this bee in his bonnet, he was more than I could stand.

In the afternoon I went to see Kate Levett. Kate and I had been together in Pfeinmann's "King of the Castle Operatic Combination." We were friends all through. I fancy it was a case of a fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind—after a fashion, we were girls of a feather. When the Combination came to eternal grief at Strikehigh City, we went different ways. I stayed where I was, Kate went East. It was at Boston she married Ferdinand Levett. He was touring at that time, through the States, as acting manager for a famous English comedy company. It was a case of marriage at first sight, as it were. It proved to be the best thing Kate had ever done in her life. Levett turned out a regular trump, and they hit it off together to a T. Now they were settled in England, and, although Kate had kept off the boards, they were doing uncommonly well, in a modest sort of way.

When I turned up at their flat on the Thames Embankment, at the back of the Strand, Kate wanted me to stay and dine. So I stayed. After dinner we went to a theatre. Levett was at business—managing the Colosseum, so we went there. To finish up, we went back to supper at the flat.

I had gone, originally, to Kate, with the idea of gleaning a little information. Before I left, I had got all that I wanted, and, perhaps, a little more. What I wished to find out was whether Kate knew anything about a Mr. Reginald Townsend. She and her husband knew something about all sorts and conditions of men, and it struck me that my friend the gentleman was just the sort of man of whom one or the other of them might have heard.

I did not want to seem too anxious. So I just slipped my question in casually, as if I was indifferent whether I received an answer to it or not. I kept it till after supper. Kate was at the piano strumming through all the latest things in comic songs. I was lolling in a rocker, joining in the chorus whenever there was a chorus. Ferdinand was taking his ease upon a couch. We were all as snug as we could be. Kate had been saying she knew somebody or other, I don't who, when I struck in.

"Between you, you two seem to know pretty nearly everyone."

"Those who we don't know are not worth knowing."

"Quite right, my dear"—this from Ferdinand, on the couch.

"Have you ever heard of a Mr. Townsend?"

"What!—Reggie Townsend?"

She spun round on the piano stool like a catherine wheel.

"Reginald Townsend—that's it."

She and her husband looked at each other—in that meaning sort of way.

"Fred, have we ever heard of Reginald Townsend?"

Ferdinand laughed. She held out her hands in front of her.

"Why, my dear, there have been times and seasons, when we've heard of little else but Reginald Townsend."

"Perhaps your man is not my man. My man's tall."

"So's our man!"

"And dark."

"You couldn't paint our man blacker than he is."

"And very—very swagger, don't you know."

"Our man's the swaggerest man in town. It's impossible that there could be two Reginald Townsends. What do you know of him?"

"Oh, I only met him once. But he rather struck me."

"Take care that he doesn't strike you too much. He's not only the swaggerest, he's also the wickedest man in town. I could tell you tales of him which would shock your innocent ears. He's a terror, isn't he, Fred?"

"He has rather liberal ideas on the subject of the whole duty of man."

"I should rather think he has."

And Kate went off at score. I could see, from what she said, that my friend the gentleman was all my fancy painted him. When she gave me an opening, I slipped another word in edge ways.

"Is he received in respectable society?"

"That depends, my dearest child, upon what you call respectable society. He's the boon companion of dukes, marquises, and earls, and that kind of thing. He visits the best houses and the best people. But I was raised at Salem, Mass., and our ideas of respectable society were perhaps our own. I haven't found that they obtain to any considerable extent round here."

It was scandalously late when I left for home.

The same thing occupied my thoughts in the cab as on the night before—my friend the gentleman. Whatever could have made him do the thing which he had done? That is, if Kate's Reginald Townsend was mine—of which, by the way, I had no doubt. A man may be all that's bad. He may be worse than a murderer, but he takes particularly good care not, if he can help it, to be the thing itself. What could it be which, in the judgment of a man in his position, had compelled him to place himself within the shadow of the gallows.

The problem occupied my mind. The man had been placed, by nature, in such a fortunate position. It appeared that he had so much to lose—and he had lost it all! What for? I wondered! What was it which had constrained him to choose between the devil and the deep sea—and then to choose the devil?

As I thought of it, and how handsome he was, and how well bred, and how there was everything to please a woman's taste, and to gratify her eye, a wild notion germinated in my brain—which was watered by circumstance, and grew.

I dismissed the cab at the end of my road. The night, though dark, was fine. The horse was tired. I had no objection to saving the creature's legs by walking the rest of the way. I did not suppose that, at that hour of the night, or, rather, of the morning, there would be any one about.

In supposing that, however, I was wrong.

The street was a pretty long one. When I had got about half way along it I perceived that a cab was stopping at a house in front of me. As I reached the cab, a man got out of it in a fashion which, to say the least of it, was rather sudden. He plunged on to the pavement, rather than stepped on to it. As his feet touched solid ground, he turned towards me.

It was Tommy Tennant!

For a moment I was frightened half out of my wits. It was such an hour, he was without a hat, he looked wild and dishevelled, his appearance at such a place—within a stone's throw of my own house—at such a moment was so wholly unexpected, that it fairly took my breath away.

But if his appearance startled me, my appearance seemed to have an even more startling effect upon him. He gave one glare at me and tumbled in a heap on to the pavement.

The driver of the hansom leaned down towards me from his perch.

"It's all right, miss; he's only been enjoying of hisself. The cold stones will cool 'is 'ead."

I said nothing; I hurried on.

(To be continued.)

AN AWFUL FALL.

LADY ÆRONAUT'S HUSBAND SEES IT, AND KILLS HIMSELF.

A terrible accident at Leroy, St. Louis, U.S.A., has happened to an English lady æronaut known as Victoria. She and her husband, G. Hibbard, contracted to make a number of ascents at a country fair, and a crowd of fully 5,000 persons assembled to see the ascent. When an altitude of about 1,000 feet had been gained the crowd heard a faint scream, and saw Victoria dangling by the arm, which was held in the loop. Then the parachute dropped without the æronaut, and the balloon, relieved of its weight, soared higher until it appeared but a mere speck.

A PLUNGE OF 3,000 FEET.

The husband realised the perilous situation in which his wife was placed, and became almost crazed with grief and wept aloud. Rushing to the dressing tent he seized a revolver and shot at and wounded himself, but before he was able to take his life he was grappled with by an attendant and restrained. Suddenly a small body was seen to leave the balloon and start on a downward plunge of fully 3,000 feet to the ground. As it approached it was seen to be the unfortunate woman. The body struck the top of an elm tree with tremendous force, and, tearing through the branches, dropped on the earth a shapeless mass. Her back struck one branch, breaking it, and the head broke another branch. The husband heard the crash, and, tottering to the spot where the remains of his wife were lying, threw himself across the body, and bled to death from his self-inflicted pistol wound. It is stated that before Victoria ascended she said she had a premonition that an accident would happen.

A CONSTABLE'S EVIDENCE.

THE RESULT OF REPORTING WHAT THE DETECTIVE TOLD HIM.

At St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Mr. Langham, coroner, held an inquest on a man unknown, aged about 60, who dropped dead in Bishopsgate.—P.C. Johnstone, 975, City, stated that his attention was called to deceased, and he conveyed him to the hospital, but on arrival he was pronounced dead. Witness searched the clothing, but found nothing but a pawnticket for a watch in the name of "John Taylor," of 106, Great George-st., Westminster. Witness had been to that address, and found it was a common lodging-house, but deceased was not known.—Coroner: Has the manager seen the body? No, not yet, sir.—Foreman of the Jury: I know Great George-st. well. The numbers don't run to 106, and I don't believe there is a lodging-house in the whole street. The houses are all tenanted by legal gentlemen and engineers.—Witness: No. 106 is a lodging-house.—Foreman: I don't believe you went to Great George-st.—Coroner: Are you sure you went there?—Witness: I did not go; the detective went.—Foreman: Just what I thought. I've known the place too long not to know.—Coroner (to witness): You have no right to have said you went if you did not. Is the detective here?—Witness: No, sir.—Dr. Crawley, house surgeon, deposed that death was due to syncope, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly, but added that they considered the evidence of P.C. Johnstone very unsatisfactory, and that he was deserving of censure."—P.S. Jones, 63, City, said he did not think the constable gave the evidence with an intention to deceive, but was simply repeating what the detective had told him. It would not be the constable's duty to make the inquiries; that would be done by Scotland Yard.—The foreman said the jury would withdraw their rider, but hoped in future the constable would be very careful in giving evidence in a court of justice.

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PIPER PAN.

Several novelties are promised during the 41st series of the Crystal Palace Saturday Concerts, which commence on Oct. 2. Amongst the most important of the works are a new concerto for violoncello and orchestra by Klughardt, a Suite of Characteristic Dances from Rimski-Korsakow's "Mlada," a Symphonic Prelude by Mr. W. Wallace, the Prelude to D'Albert's "Ghismonda," Vincent D'Sudy's "Legends Symphonique," "La Foret Enchantée," Richard Strauss's Symphony in F Minor, and Schubert's Fantasia in F Minor (op. 103) orchestrated by Herr Mottl.

The new violin concerto composed by Mr. F. Cliffe for the Norwich Festival will be heard at one of the concerts; also Mdlle. Chaminade's "Callirhoë" Suite, Dvorak's violoncello concerto, Mr. Cowen's "Four Old English Dances," Mr. Walter Macfarren's "Otello" overture, and Mr. John Barclay's Symphony in C Minor. All these works will be performed for the first time at Sydenham.

A very strong list of artists is given, the vocalists being Mesdames Ella Russell, Marie Brema, Landi, Duma, Clara Samuell, E. Florena, Amy Sherwin, Florence Monteith, Rina Allerton, F. Christie, and Marian Mackenzie; Messrs. Barton M'Guckin, L. Chandos, Black, Gee, Douglas Powell, and Watkin Mills. The instrumentalists are Mesdames Chaminade, Kleeberg, Fanny Davies, and Muriel Elliot; Messrs. Eugene D'Albert, Hambourg, Sarasate, Belinski, Nachez, Klengel, Stern, and Francella. Mr. Hedgcock, the Palace organist, will accompany, and the veteran Mr. Manns will, of course, occupy his usual post as conductor.

The provincial concert season will be at its height in a couple of weeks time. A striking feature of the many schemes and programmes sent to me is the enormous number of "Elijah" performances announced before the end of the year. Of course, the reason of this is that the 50th anniversary of the production of the oratorio at the Birmingham Festival has just occurred.

Another sign of the present taste of musical amateurs lies in the numerous performances of selections from Wagner's operas which are being organised by provincial concert societies. Several important tours in the provinces are also now commencing, including the Richter, Sarasate, D'Albert, and Ella Russell parties.

I am pleased to say that M. Paderewski has now entirely recovered from the serious illness resulting from his fatiguing season in America. The great pianist has entirely overcome the insomnia which prostrated him, and has been enjoying a holiday in the South of France. He will probably play at one of the Philharmonic concerts during the next season, but at present nothing is settled about any recitals in London this autumn.

I understand that there is no truth in the report that a hitch had occurred which would cause Mr. Maurice Grau and the Royal Opera Syndicate to give their season at Drury Lane next year instead of Covent Garden.

During some of the recent performances at Bayreuth, Dr. Richter and several of his band were discovered behind the scenes in shirt sleeves and collarless. An invisible orchestra, doubtless, has its advantages in warm weather.

A book will shortly be published containing a quantity of Rubinstein's MS. papers, and also many anecdotes of people the great pianist had met and music he had heard.

Much regret is felt in the ranks of his musicians, and by the London public, at the enforced retirement of Lieut. Dan Godfrey from the conductorship of the Grenadier Guards' band. This is caused through the popular military conductor having reached the age limit, and not, happily, from any other cause. It is thought probable that Lieut. Godfrey will form a band of his own later on.

The charming young singer and actress, Miss Decima Moore, is meeting with great success in the provinces, where she is touring with Mr. Arthur Roberts. Her sweet voice and tasteful singing are specially appreciated.

Miss Marie Brema has decided to remain in England longer than she at first intended, and will not sail for America until the middle of February. She will appear at the Crystal Palace Saturday Concert of Oct. 10.

Madame Albani has an idea of extending her American tour to Australia. The eminent Canadian prima donna has not yet visited our Australian cousins, but she has been heard here by so many of them that she is sure to be welcomed in their country.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

For the last fortnight I have been staying in Buckinghamshire and have been making excursions in search of insects. From information received I was led to believe there would be a plentiful supply. I was much disappointed, however, for the almost entire absence of nearly every kind of insect was very remarkable. During the whole time only 2 species of butterflies were seen, viz., the white and the small heath, while moths, beetles, and flies were only seen in small numbers, after a deal of hunting for them. The only insects that were at all numerous were earwigs and wasps, and these, as usual, were attacking the fruits and flowers as well as making themselves otherwise obnoxious. The cause of this scarcity of insects presumably must be set down to the extremely hot weather and dry winds which prevailed in the months of May and June, drying up the food plants and depriving the larvæ of their proper sustenance.

Other animal-life was not abundant, and during my rambles only a few rare birds were seen, viz., the kingfisher, the hawfinch, and a cuckoo, which had not migrated with its parents in the summer. The sparrow was common, as it is nearly everywhere, and large flocks of them were seen in the cleared cornfields picking up the seeds that had been left behind, and on the hedges, which are thickly covered with enormous quantities of berries. The kingfisher, which is now not frequently seen, appeared to be rather plentiful in many places. I visited, and one or two were seen every day. Of animals the water vole was the most abundant on the Thames' banks, and rats were present in pretty large numbers. Rabbits were very plentiful in the woodland fields, and could be seen at dusk playing their lively games and making their meal at the expense of the poor farmer.

The prejudices which exist against some animals are due, I believe, in a great measure to the way in which they are stuffed and set up by taxidermists who, instead of copying nature as nearly as possible, make a point of making a fine show case. We oftentimes see birds of prey mounted with a pheasant chick, a young hare, or other small game animal in its talons; fruit-eating birds with cherries, plums, or some other of our choicest fruits in their bills, and tits and such-like birds pulling to pieces buds and blossoms of our best trees. This sort of thing gives the impression, especially to those who do not know their habits, that they subsist respectively on this class of diet only.

The other day while strolling not many miles from Windsor Castle I saw exhibited in a naturalist's shop window an owl which had been mounted with a young pheasant in its claws. To mount an owl with such a victim is not altogether wrong, for it does sometimes prey upon pheasants, but it is undoubtedly more the exception than the rule. Mice and field voles form the owl's principal food, and had the bird been set up with one of these animals in its bill or under its foot, the owl's habits would have been more correctly illustrated and it would be an inducement to persons, unacquainted with its mode of life, to refrain from persecuting the owl to such an extent for the misdeeds which it is supposed to commit, but which it really does not.

The "Royal Natural History," which I was unable to notice last week on account of space, has now reached its 34th part, and the work is fast approaching completion. The present number treats of the echinoderms and a large portion of the mollusca. The echinoderms include the star-fishes, sea-urchins, and sea-cucumbers, which although widely different in shape and external structure resemble one another in many points. These creatures are found on the seashore, and are familiar to every visitor there, but the fossil forms of the sea-urchins, popularly known by the name of "shepherds' crowns," are frequently come across in our inland chalk pits. The mollusca, which comprise all the snail-like and oyster-like animals and slugs, include also those curious creatures, the cuttle-fish and octopus. The last two-named are extremely rapacious and also very numerous.

The cuttle-fish secretes a black fluid, which in olden days was used as ink; at the present time it is used in the manufacture of a certain kind of paint. The octopus, of which so many thrilling stories are told in books of adventure, is a most horrible creature, consisting of a shapeless mass, which can be puffed out or distended at will, with 8 long spreading arms, each of which is furnished with a double row of suckers, over 100 in number. It is said that a single octopus is capable of producing at one laying a progeny of between 40,000 and 50,000. The mother guards the eggs for about 50 days, when the young emerge from them. In their small state they have many enemies, being devoured in enormous quantities by whales, fishes, and birds. Some of the octopuses (there are several kinds), pursue their prey, but others lie in wait and pounce upon it unawares. The two coloured plates in this number depict various kinds of land shells and a group of cephalopods.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Sept. 1 include a red kangaroo, 2 variegated sheldrakes, 2 common otters, a Beccari's cassowary, 2 sparrows from South Africa, a Rhesus monkey, an oyster catcher, 4 Cayenne lapwigs, a squirrel monkey, an African wild ass, a Bordeaux snake, a common snake, a Mona monkey, and 2 Garnett's galagos.

THE ACTOR.

I have seen no account, anywhere, of a "copyright performance" which took place one morning lately at the Royalty—a performance which could be witnessed by the profane vulgar only on the payment of 2gs. for a seat. I suspect the audience was small, though, no doubt, select. The play in question was an adaptation of the story of French Revolution life called "The Reds of the Midi." An unique feature of the "representation" was the fact that two of the parts were "sustained" by two well-known publishers!

One of the morning papers, I see—the "Daily Bellowgraph," which ought to have known better—has been killing off, erroneously, poor Mr. Elliot Galer, the owner of the Leicester Opera House. Mr. Galer, though a veteran, is happily still with the minority. My recollections of him go as far back as my childhood, when I heard him sing in a cantata of which my father had written the words. Since then he has been a playwright and a theatrical director. His playhouse at Leicester—now, I believe, in the market—is a very fine and spacious one, and well worth seeing.

I am glad I went to Stratford on Monday night, for there, for the first time, I saw Mr. Thalberg as Prince Hal in "Henry IV." Mr. Holman Clark as the King, Mr. Fuller Mellish as Hotspur, and Miss Frances Ivor (Mrs. Leonard Outram) as Dame Quickly. None of these players, you will remember, appeared in the Haymarket performances. I have only one objection, by the way, to the new Stratford Theatre—it has no license for the sale of spirituous liquors! I trust that this foolish restriction will soon be removed by the good sense of the local magistracy.

Would that I had been at Stratford on Wednesday afternoon—without the trouble of getting there! Miss Dorothea Baird (Mrs. H. B. Irving) was announced to appear there and then as Trilby; but she was, it seems, indisposed, and the part was undertaken by that admirably versatile actress, Mrs. Beerbohm Tree. Now, I must say I should have liked to see Mrs. Tree's Trilby; I am quite sure it is very clever; everything this lady does is clever. Was she not a remarkably good Fedora, a very interesting Kate Chard? And so unpretentious withal.

The part of Trilby was played in an outlying London theatre the other day by Miss Constance Bellamy, who is, I believe, an excellent vocalist. I am told that in the third act she sang, not behind the scenes, but in full view of the audience. It was a good idea to engage a prima donna to represent a model who becomes a prima donna. Something of the same ingenuity was shown when Miss Kate Vaughan assumed (in the country) the title rôle of "The Dancing Girl." Here was a dancing girl, indeed! Now, Miss Neilson never once conveyed the idea that she could dance.

Is there going to be another clashing of interests on the night of Sept. 19? When I write, it is understood that that evening has been selected for the production of "Cymbeline" at the Lyceum, "The Duchess of Coolgardie" at Drury Lane, and the new musical farce at the Prince of Wales's. The last-named will perhaps not be ready by the date named, and, if so, that would simplify matters. However, there will be plenty of time for the public to see all three pieces—each of them, we may be sure, with a public of its own.

After these three we may expect to see a fourth in the shape of "The Belle of Cairo" at the Court, a piece by Messrs. Cecil Raleigh and Kinsey Peile. Mr. Peile, I believe, used to be an amateur actor as well as author and composer. I fancy I saw and heard him not so very long ago in some comic opera at the Opera Comique. More lately he was at the St. James's in a very small part. There is no reason why the music he has written for "The Belle of Cairo" should not turn out to be very acceptable.

OLD IZAAK.

The rains are making themselves felt, the rivers are steadily rising, and angling prospects are brighter than for some time past. Sport is decidedly improving in the Thames, and barbel and bream are feeding freely. Some good perch have also been taken, a circumstance the more satisfactory as perch were at one time caught in very limited numbers, and of no great size.

From Datchet, Sunbury, Hampton Court, and Kingston capital reports are to hand, and the patrons of John Keene, T. and A. Stroud, Herbert, Bolton, Wilkes, and Knight, have all apparently had plenty of fish. Perch up to 1½lb. have been taken at Sunbury, and one of 1½lb. at Kingston. The bank anglers appear to have done fairly well at most of the T.A.P.S. stations, and sport seems everywhere increasing.

It is at all times gratifying to chronicle good takes from the Thames, but when the day's doings are expressed in numbers, without reference to weight, no angler who goes only for fair sized fish knows what he may expect to catch. If the Thames fishermen, all of whom I respect, would only record the individual weight of their largest fish, giving the names of their captors, it would be of far more interest than the gross weight or number, sometimes so vaguely stated, and I am sure the fishermen themselves would benefit by the change.

Taking a view of the Lea at Waltham and other places during the last few days, I found the water improving, a condition of things in which its tributories — the Stort, Beane, and Rib—fully share. A 5lb. trout has yielded to the most primitive tackle in the Hertford water, and some good roach have been taken in the neighbourhood of Ware. If the water thickens, as it will do if rain continues, worms will be found the most tempting bait; but the Lea fish are proverbially artful, and the angler who means to secure a take must necessarily judge for himself at the moment as to the most palatable menu to put before them.

The Welsh Harp water at Hendon is decidedly looking up. Thirteen anglers last week took in all 226¾lb. of bream, besides a quantity of jack and perch, one of the jack scaling 8lb. Messrs. Harvey, Schultz, and Jay headed the list of successful anglers.

The Central Association delegate meeting takes place at their headquarters, Bedford Head, Covent Garden, on Monday evening, when Mr. C. A. Medcalf (president) presides. The chair will be taken at 9 p.m. sharp.

It is pitiable to hear, after this lapse of time, that the committee appointed to conduct the late Wimbledon Tournament are still unable to complete their labours, and, if report speaks truly, have vexation ahead. These big competitions are rarely of any practical use, and in the present instance no angling interest or institution appears likely to benefit by the show, although a profit has been made. The committee's difficulty is obviously one which the Gresham Angling Society (who largely took the initiative in this ill-starred affair) might gracefully step in and settle.

The Anchor and Hope punt match, which comes off on Sunday, is to be fished at Twickenham, and not at Staines, as at first announced. The society had a capital show last week, Mr. H. Mallett weighing in 11lb. and Mr. W. J. Wade 10¾lb. of excellent roach. Mr. Wade's two largest fish scaled 1¾lb. each, and have both gone to Mr. Needham, the local taxidermist, for preservation.

A funny story has gone round the papers of two swans who took baited hooks, supposed to have been intentionally placed in the river by anglers. It may be true that two swans were so caught; but, if so, it is extremely questionable whether anglers had anything to do with the occurrence. Any evil-disposed person can procure hooks and set night lines; but the rules of the clubs and the watchfulness of the Preservation Societies would bring speedy punishment to any angler or other person prosecuted for what has long been an illegal practice.

The Walham Green and Fulham Anglers have their first "visit" from the Central Association on Tuesday next, when Mr. W. J. Wade, the popular secretary of the association, has undertaken to preside. The society meets at the Black Bull, Fulham-rd., S.W., and, unless I am much mistaken, will have a large gathering on the occasion, for all anglers are invited.

The half-yearly meeting of the Piscatorial Society (largely attended) was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday last, Mr. E. Foreman (hon. treasurer) presiding, when a very satisfactory statement was presented. Mr. T. Crumplen presided at the ordinary meeting which followed, and a fine tray of dace from the Ver, taken by Mr. M. G. de Courcy, graced the table. A telegram from Messrs. Brow and Butler, who are away on a fishing excursion, showed that 27 trout and 2 salmon were among their week's spoils. Mr. H. Harden had a 3½lb. trout, caught with a wet fly on the society's water in Hertfordshire; and Mr. M. G. de Courcy one of 1¼lb. A series of important papers are announced for reading during the winter season.

The toast of "Absent Friends" has lately been introduced at the society's gatherings. It has been occasionally given before, but now figures regularly in the evening's programme. The names associated with it on Monday were those of Dr. Head, who is finding many patients, and making "headway," as the chairman said, in Buluwayo; Mr. R. S. Fennings, V.P.; Mr. W. B. Adlington, Mr. T. R. Sachs (president), and other good and true anglers more known to friendship than to fame. The "Piscatorial Society" (honoured now weekly for some 60 years) was also given, after which the meeting closed in the customary way.

The British Sea Anglers had a crowded meeting at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday last, over which Dr. C. S. Patterson presided. Capt. Lambton Young read an able paper on "The Destruction of Immature Fish," and a resolution was afterwards passed in favour of a Parliamentary measure dealing with the question being promoted under the society's auspices.

GENERAL CHATTER.

Whatever may be the case in France, there are no signs as yet on this side of the Channel of that expansion of the feminine waist which Mr. Joseph Hatton and other high authorities assert has been decreed by the arbiters of fashion. The figure of the wasp is as slavishly imitated as ever by British matrons and maids, in spite of medical admonitions. I wonder how it came about that lovely woman conceived the extraordinary notion of enhancing her attractiveness by giving her figure close resemblance to that of an hour glass. There is absolutely nothing of the beautiful in a pinched-in waist; on the contrary, being a deformity, it is hideous to the æsthetic eye, as all deformities must be.

There is, however, one detail of feminine fashion in which progress in the right direction has been accomplished. Earrings are "off"; in vain will you look through long lists of wedding presents for a single gift of that sort. So completely has the fashion died out that girls' ears are never bored nowadays. That is a victory, at all events, for good sense and good taste; to my mind, it always appeared as barbarous to wear rings in the ears as in the nose, after the Asiatic manner.

Evidence continues to accumulate in support of the theory that our manufacturers are very largely to blame for the shrinkage of our external trade in many parts of the world. They persist in using obsolete and ugly patterns for their goods, whereas German and American manufacturers are quick to mark and to satisfy local requirements in both design and texture. It is not for want of knowledge either that this suicidal blundering continues; our consular reports brim over with warnings and remonstrances. It is a discreditable state of things for the greatest commercial country in the world, and unless those responsible for it wake up, our trading supremacy will not have much longer endurance.

Cycle millionaires are running South African millionaires close for pride of place in the ranks of the richest. Some of these new plutocrats were quite small men a very few years ago, and in their wildest dreams it can never have entered their heads that they would shortly become rich beyond the dreams of avarice. It was fashion that gave them the opportunity, but to themselves belongs the credit of recognising the chance when it came. Mr. Balfour little imagined when he brought cycling into vogue among the Upper Ten that he was laying the foundations for gigantic fortunes. Coventry ought certainly to erect a statue of its unconscious benefactor, mounted on a safety, as a companion to Lady Godiva. But with more clothing—decidedly with more clothing.

At some provincial cities—possibly in the metropolis also—omnibus and tramway drivers and conductors make bitter complaint of having to take their meals as best they can. There should certainly be a comfortable room at each end of every line where they could feed in peace and quiet instead of being compelled to resort to the public-house. It should also be the rule to allow every man a reasonable time for breakfast, dinner, and tea, during which he would be entirely off duty. No doubt, I shall be told that this could not be done. That is nonsense; it is purely a question of a little additional expense, and most of the companies are sufficiently prosperous to bear that trifling burden.

Is a newspaper a "commodity" within the meaning of the Free Press Act? This is not an idle conundrum, but a matter of such serious moment as to deserve the judgment of the highest court of appeal. At Blackpool the other day a respectable newsvendor was arraigned and fined for plying his calling on the promenade. He did not call his wares or make himself objectionable in any other way; his sole alleged offence lay in the sale, that being contrary to one of the bye-laws. But bye-laws which go against the law of the land are invalid, and it was strongly argued on behalf of the accused that inasmuch as he had kept within the four corners of the Act he had not committed any legal offence. But the bench fined him all the same, and it certainly seems to me that the case should be taken to a higher court.

If my recollection serves, it was that genial naturalist, Mr. Frank Buckland, who first suggested that there were admirable sites for oyster farms on the south-west coast of Ireland. The water is always warm owing to the Gulf Stream washing the littoral, while the requisite degree of tranquillity endures in many of the land-locked bays and estuaries. Nature thus provided all the essentials for oyster cultivation, but until quite recently no human help was made to aid her benevolence. Thanks, however, to English enterprise and capital, the long-neglected industry has made a promising start, and within a year or two plenty of Irish oysters should be on sale in London. They are said to be of splendid quality and flavour, while being reared in waters entirely free from sewage pollution they cannot be the means of conveying disease germs into the human interior.

There is a Lancashire village whose School Board consists of only one man, no other candidate having come forward. This good citizen consequently has the right, he being the board, to "elect a person to fill each vacancy," and if he were so minded he could make it a snug little family party. It is not the first time that this has occurred; I remember a case in which a man in a similar position elected his wife and other members of his family to fill the vacancies.

MADAME.

Some very charming new autumn materials have made their appearance. Amongst them is a delightful fabric of fine wool canvas. It is to be had in black as well as plain colours, and also in some lovely combinations of shot shades. I was specially struck with it in black shot with heliotrope. Royal blue shot with a rich shade of chestnut brown is another very effective colour combination. Wool, bengaline, and woollen rep make up charmingly for smart autumn gowns.

There is a specially nice make of the woollen rep in black with a bright silky line running between the ribs. This material gives splendid wear, and is decidedly smart-looking. A gown of black woollen rep with a touch of scarlet in the bodice would make an uncommonly stylish costume for a brunette. A plain well-hung skirt, with a tight-fitting bodice, finished at the waist with a short frilled basque, would be a good style of make. A folded vest front of soft scarlet silk would look well. A fashionable hat to go with this gown would be a high crowned shape, trimmed with a band or bow of scarlet velvet.

We have a vast variety of cheaper materials to choose from for every day wear. Kyrle, Amazon, and camel cloth will all bear a good deal of hard work, to say nothing of tweed covert coating and our well-tried friend, serge. There is a special make of tweed that makes up well for cycling costumes. It is not heavy to carry, and at the same time is substantial. A certain amount of substance is desirable for a cycling dress. This enables it to hang well, and prevents it being blown about.

Many of the new skirts for smart occasions are being made to hang separate from the foundation. This style needs very careful cutting, each skirt requiring its own special treatment. The home dressmaker, however, need not be deterred from attempting it if only she will work from a good pattern and attend to each detail of the cutting out and putting together. Even at the risk of being thought wearisome, I would say what I have said many times before, do not hurry over your work; take plenty of time, and you will be pretty sure to have a satisfactory result.

To return to this particular make of skirt. With regard to the foundation, for those who cannot afford silk a good make of linen or sateen will be found an excellent substitute. If the latter is chosen it should be of the very best description. A cheap sateen very soon gets tossed and crumpled looking. A very smart and by no means expensive finish for the foundation skirt is to have 2 rather narrow silk frills placed on the right side round the hem. One of the many helps to the home dressmaker is that this frilling can be had ready made in black and colours at a very moderate cost. Canvas cloth, grenadine, and other light fabrics look specially well made up separate from the foundation.

An uncommonly stylish autumn gown of the new canvas cloth, black shot with heliotrope, is made to hang loose over a foundation of fine black linen. Both skirts are exquisitely cut the length just sufficient to escape the ground. The outer skirt hangs quite plain at the front and sides, all the fulness being kept to the back in close gathers. The foundation or underskirt is not quite so wide, but it also has all the fulness kept to the back. Two frills of heliotrope silk form a very nice finish to the foot of the foundation skirt, the shade of heliotrope exactly harmonising with the shot shade in the skirt material.

The bodice I thought specially pretty; it struck me as being a little out of the common. The back and side pieces were composed of the canvas material, fitting closely to the figure. The front was altogether of heliotrope silk, with a pretty fancy pattern in a darker shade of heliotrope running over it. It is draped in soft folds gathered closely in at the waist. Narrow straps of the canvas cloth come from each shoulder to the waist, where they finish in a point, fastened with a cut steel button. The tight-fitting sleeves have full round puffs slashed with the heliotrope silk.

The blouse bodice is constantly appearing in new and charming developments. Although its doom has been foretold many a time, there is not as yet the least sign of its going out of fashion. We have blouses suitable for all manner of occasions, and can literally wear it morning, noon, and night. Some of the evening blouses are quite dreams of beauty and costly in proportion to their loveliness, but we also have the blouse in simpler materials well within the reach of everyone.

A charming and most useful blouse that might be worn in the afternoon with a dark skirt or in the evening for a quiet dinner is a full-gathered shape of black satin. Back and front are exactly the same, a round full shape set into a deep yoke of embroidered grass lawn. Deep-pleated epaulettes of the lawn fall over the round sleeve puffs, the frill being continued round the yoke at the back. The front is prettily arranged with two points of the embroidered lawn, reaching from the edge of the yoke to the waist. The neck-band is of folded ribbon with looped bows. Long tight-fitting sleeves, removable at will, fasten to the sleeve puffs a little above the elbows. You can in a moment turn the blouse into an evening bodice by removing the undersleeves.

WILL WORKMAN.

I don't think I ever knew London so empty as it is at present, everybody who is anybody having gone out of town. Round our way it seems quite lonely. All this week I haven't heard one concertina, or even a mouth-organ, and as for those young ladies and gentlemen who stroll about of an evening all in a row,

Singing a song, with a chorus 'long,

they are alas, "far, far away." But they have not gone to Homburg to drink the waters, or to Scotland to shoot the grouse; they have gone to Kent to pick the hops, and though many of them looked pale and sickly when they went away, they will return as brown as a berry, and, "like giants refreshed," will, with music, singing, and dancing, make our part once more a place worth living in. Good luck to them, I say.

If ever there was a case when a strike was justifiable it is that of the East-end tailors, for as far as I know there is no other trade in this country where such long hours are worked for such little wages. I may be reminded that this state of things has been brought about to a very great extent by the Russian Poles and Germans, who, either as workmen or as small masters and sweaters, are now combining to get better prices from the wholesale dealers in ready-made clothing. But no matter be he Jew or Gentile, foreigner or Britisher, I say no man ought, in order to earn a bare living, to be compelled or expected to work 14 or 16 hours for a day's work.

This is a very different affair to the strike that has been going on for some weeks in the engineering trade at Govan, which, if not soon settled, will entail a lock-out of 20,000 or 30,000 men, and all this trouble is about one man who refuses to join the union. Of course, I shall be told that he has a perfect right to refuse. But there are two sorts of rights—there is a legal right and a moral right, and a man may be legally right and yet at the same time morally wrong.

Suppose, for instance, I was working at a trade where the current rate of wages was 6d. per hour. A union is formed in the trade which I refuse to join. The union, by bringing pressure to bear, or by persuasion, obtains from the employers a rise of 1d. per hour, in which rise I share, although I have not in any way helped to get it.

Now if the hours in my trade are 54 a week, I receive entirely, and only through the action of the union, an increase of wages amounting to 4s. 6d. I have still a legal right to refuse to join, but it seems to me there is a sort of moral obligation that requires me to subscribe my 6d. every week to help to keep up the union that has done so much for me.

But if a man declines to join a trade union no person has either a legal or moral right to intimidate him or use violence towards him in any shape or form. If he will not be convinced, he must not be coerced.

God bless you, Tommy Atkins,
Here's your country's love to you.

That's all right enough as far as the song goes, but I fancy sometimes the country, or at any rate some of those who live in it, show their love for Tommy in a very funny way. Not long since it was certain theatre managers who refused to allow soldiers in uniform in the boxes. Now we find that at certain saloon bars it is the practice to charge extra, in some cases double, prices to soldiers in uniform, under the plea that such bars are reserved for ladies and gentlemen.

But who says Mr. Atkins is not a gentleman? As far as behaviour is concerned he will compare equally with any class or profession in the country. He is always clean and smart, and as far as looks go, why, some of the finest and handsomest fellows in the world are to be found in the ranks of the British Army. I hope and trust the licensing justices will inquire into this matter when these people want a renewal of their licenses.

MR. WHEELER.

The tourist's ideal season approaches. There is no more pleasurable period for a quiet cycling tour than the autumn, if, as I have had occasion to say before, care is taken on the subject of dress. As to the methods of carrying it I can only say, once again, avoid bags and roll the necessary change into a bolster on the handle bar, in a piece of waterproof, and all will be well.

The cycle thief is very busy again at all places of public resort, and it is very necessary for the cycle owner to exercise great care unless he wishes his mount to vanish. Not only are machines stolen, but I also hear of a number of thefts from the dressing-rooms of the London tracks, money being abstracted from the pockets of clothes whilst the owners are training or pacing. This indicates something rotten in the state of Denmark and track proprietors should see to it that steps are taken to deal with the matter.

The cycle is said to be very efficacious in lunacy cases as a soother! Possibly this may account for the conduct of some of the riders one occasionally encounters on the highways, especially those who absolutely refuse to give way, or to take any note of the rule of the road. Cyclists themselves are often the greatest sufferers in this matter. I heard this week of a gentleman riding a high-priced bicycle which had just come to hand, of course on his proper side of the road, being run down, injured, and his cycle absolutely smashed by another cycle rider on an ancient safety of abnormal weight and clumsiness, and the delinquent, who was breaking the rule of the road, told his victim that he knew of no rule and should ride where he liked.

I agree with all that has been said in deprecation of sending 3 cyclists round the world on a tour "on the cheap." I have more than once pitched into the German or American persons who were engaged in begging their way round the world, but I still more deprecate the course taken by no less than 3 Englishmen, and the absurd puffs of everything which the trio are using are mighty dear at the price even of a very cheap accessory. The great B.P. are by this time very wide awake, and are not in the least likely to purchase any fitment because its makers found it good to present a sample as the price of indiscriminate laudation. The whole thing is absurd, and I only hope that the cheap advertisement sought will not be accorded by the press of this country.

The opposition to the Fleuss tyre has not prevented the sealing of the patent, but the fact that Mr. Harvey du Cros had the sample tyre in his office for some time on offer, and that he finally declined to buy it, leads me to think that that very astute gentleman knows of some little rift within the lute in the matter. I am no patent expert, but I feel pretty sure that if it was a good thing Mr. du Cros would have added it to his battery of protective patents.

It is interesting to note that when Mr. A. J. Balfour paid his recent visit to Mr. Gladstone he rode to Hawarden on his bicycle. Times are changed with a vengeance. Bishops are bicycling now, and the wheelman is not the outcast, socially, that he was 10 or 15 years ago. The great future before our sport cannot be marred by the one argument that has for years kept good class youngsters out of it; the argument that it is "caddish to ride a bicycle." That gird can no longer be cast at us, though the cad will still ride, being universal in his distribution, as was Thackeray's snob, but he will not be taken as the type of all wheelmen as soon as the rapidly - diminishing army of anti-cyclist critics have been converted to the sport, and they are coming in daily.

A FATHER SENTENCED.

SHOCKING EVIDENCE BY NEGLECTED EDMONTON CHILDREN.

At Edmonton, Richard Bunce, 38, labourer, Clarendon-rd., S. Tottenham, was summoned for neglecting his 5 children, whose ages ranged from 14 to 2 years, thereby causing them unnecessary pain and suffering.—Charlotte Wild, wife of a labourer, Clarendon-rd., stated that she had known defendant for some months. She had never seen him sober. The children were greatly neglected, and were frequently left for days together. The neighbours gave them food, or they would have starved. When given food they ate it ravenously. Their condition was piteous, their heads and bodies swarming with vermin.—Dr. Payne stated that he had known the family for 12 months.

THE MAN WAS ALWAYS DRUNK.

On July 16 his wife died, her death being accelerated by defendant's neglect. Witness had examined the children, who only had 11d. a week for their support. They were all in a dirty condition, there being sores about their heads and arms, due to neglect. They were all underfed. The youngest child, aged 2 years, was blind in one eye, the blindness being the result of neglect. There had to witness's knowledge been systematic neglect for 12 months.—George Bunce said he earned 6s. a week, out of which he had paid 5s. 6d. for rent. His father was generally drunk. He gave them a penny a day to buy a penny loaf with, and on Saturdays he sometimes gave them 2d. They would have starved if the neighbours had not given them food.—Annie Bunce said about a week ago her father came home and found the baby

CRYING BECAUSE HE WAS HUNGRY,

and he smacked him. The baby asked for bread and butter, but there was none in the house.—Mr. Cornell relieving officer, said that he had warned defendant on several occasions. On each occasion the man was not sober.—G. Bunce, re-called, said that on one occasion, a day or 2 after Bank Holiday, his father was asked for money for some bread, as they had nothing to eat in the house. Defendant said he had nothing for them, but when his father fell asleep he searched his pockets and found 4s. 6d.—Mr. Pedley said it was a most shocking case, and sentenced defendant to 6 weeks' hard labour.

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JACK ALLROUND.

ELDERBERRY WINE. — To every gallon of berries measured when they are pulled from the stalks allow 3 quarts of water. Put the berries and water into a tub, mashing the berries up well; let them remain for 3 days, stirring them up each day, then strain, squeezing out the pulp, and to every quart of liquid add 1lb. of brown moist sugar, ½oz. each of bruised ginger and bruised cloves and of allspice; some double the spices, but that is a matter of taste. Put each sort of spice into a well-secured, carefully-tied muslin bag, then boil in a clean vessel for 1 hour from the time the liquor has actually boiled. Pour the boiled liquor, removing the spice bags, into a stone or strong earthenware pan, and when cooled down to about milk warm add 1 or 2 tablespoonfuls, according to the amount of liquor to be worked, of yeast. Allow it to ferment for 3 days, then carefully skim off all the scum that will have risen, and put the liquor into a cask, which must be kept quite full. Should any work out, liquor must be added to keep it full. Without bunging it close, cover the hole to exclude air as much as possible for 3 weeks, then bung close, and in about 2 months open and try how it is, and if you find it is fine it is ready for bottling. Sometimes you will have to wait for the fining to be complete for as long as 4 months. Many persons when bottling add 1 lump of loaf sugar and 1 tablespoonful of brandy to each bottle, but this is not necessary.

TO WATERPROOF CLOTH BEFORE MAKING IT UP.—There are various methods dependent mainly upon the reaction between 2 or more substances causing a substance insoluble in water to be deposited in the fibres of the cloth. Take 2oz. of soap, 4oz. of glue, and 1 gallon of water. First soften the glue to a flabby condition in cold water, then dissolve it with the soap in the gallon of water by means of heat and agitation. The cloth is filled with this solution by boiling it in the liquid for several hours, the time required depending upon the kind of fibre and thickness of the cloth. When properly saturated the excess of liquid is wrung out, and the cloth is exposed to the air until nearly dry, then it is digested for from 5 to 12 hours in the following solution:—Alum, 13oz.; salt, 15oz.; water, 1 gallon. It is lastly wrung out from this, rinsed in clean water, and dried at a temperature of about 30deg. Fahrenheit.

TO CLARIFY DRIPPING.—When dripping or fat that has been clarified becomes streaked and spotted with brown from having been used many times for frying purposes, you should put it in an iron saucepan and allow it to heat till you see a smoke or rather steam rise from it. When that occurs have to your hand a good deep basin of hot water; slowly, to prevent it spattering about, pour the hot dripping into the hot water, then stir it up well and allow it to stand till quite cold. You will then find the impurities have fallen below, while the clarified dripping forms a solid cake on the top. Take this off, wipe it dry, and set it aside for use. To clarify ordinary dripping for pastry making either proceed as above or by the simpler method of putting the dripping into a saucepan of cold water, bringing it to the boil, and then pouring the whole into a basin to cool. Let it stand till cool, then remove the cake of clarified dripping, wipe it, and it is ready for use.

CLEANING WOOLLEN, DAMASK, CHENILLE, AND HEAVY CLOTH CURTAINS.—The first thing is to brush well, shake, and, if necessary, beat well, to get out as much dust as possible, then stretch the curtain on a strong table, and, having provided yourself with 1, 2, or more loaves of stale white bread, proceed to rub the whole surface twice over with bread crumbs. Begin from the top, and work steadily down, taking plenty of time to rub the crumbs well over every inch of the curtain. When you find the bread crumbs becoming a dirty grey colour push them on before you and take a fresh, clean set of crumbs and go over the piece you have already done, then pass along to where the partly soiled crumbs lie and lightly work off the first dirt with them; then remove them altogether and take more fresh, clean crumb, and so go on, sparing no trouble, but diligently making all clean before your hands, missing no spot anywhere. Curtains, if not too long neglected, can be made to look like new by this process, but all depends upon the painstaking of the worker. Shake out and well dust the curtain. If the colours in some places are much faded you might lightly rub them over with a pad of flannel, for dark colours dipped in ammonia diluted with water, or for light colours in a strong solution of borax; this last is the best to use for all unstable dyes. In carrying out this rubbing you must work lightly and rapidly, only damping, not wetting, the fabric.

DAMSON WINE.—Each of the 5 correspondents who ask how to make this wine request me to arrange for them different quantities. Into the question of quantities I cannot go; they must make their own calculations, keeping to the proper proportions I give. Take 32 quarts of ripe damsons, measured when they have been picked from the stalks, decayed fruit rejected, and all stones removed. To obtain the 32 quarts of picked and stoned fruit you will probably need upwards of 40 quarts of roughly-measured damsons, more or less, as the case may be. The first process is to boil 10½ gallons of really pure water with 32lb. of good strong Demerara sugar and the whites of 10 eggs well beaten up. Boil these for half an hour, well skimming off the scum as it rises. Then add the damsons and boil for another half hour, stirring well, and skimming off all scum till the liquor shows fine and bright. Strain off the fruit through a fine hair sieve into your cooler, and when cooled down to about 85deg. Fahrenheit work it with fresh yeast spread on a toast. Let it work for 3 or 4 days, according to temperature and condition. After this carefully draw it from the sediment and put it in a cask, filter the lees through a double flannel, fill the cask, and keep it filled to allow the ferment to work out at the bung hole. You must reserve some of the liquor for this purpose. If the ferment cannot pass out you will spoil the wine. When the fermentation has ceased, which you will know from the hissing sound having stopped, put in 1 quart of French brandy and bung up closely, pasting a piece of paper over the bung. Let it stand for 6 months, then rack it off. Filter the lees through a double flannel, and fill the cask again, adding 1oz. of isinglass dissolved in 2 quarts of the wine. Carefully secure the bung and allow it to remain in the cask for 2 years, when it should be drawn off and bottled, and the bottles sealed over the corks. It ought to remain 2 years in the bottles before use, as it is a rich wine and requires a good length of keeping.

HARNESS COMPOSITION.—Into a glazed pipkin put 2oz. of black resin, put it to melt on a gentle fire, and, when melted, add 3oz. of beeswax. When both are melted and blended together take it from the fire and add ½oz. of fine lampblack and half a drachm of Prussian blue in fine powder. Stir and work them till they are perfectly mixed, then add and stir in enough spirits of turpentine to make a thin paste, and allow it to cool. When using apply a coat of the composition with a piece of linen rag evenly all over the harness, then use a soft polishing brush to bring up a bright surface.

TO PRESERVE SCARLET RUNNERS FOR WINTER USE.—The best vessel to keep them in is a brown glazed earthenware crock that will hold a good deal. The beans should be gathered in fine weather, and ought not to be too old, but decidedly on the young side. Cut off the stalk and string them as you would before cutting them up for cooking. This I consider enough preparation, but many prefer to cut them up as if for immediate use. In either case put a good layer of salt on the bottom of the crock, coarse pickling salt for preference, but common salt will answer; add a layer of beans, then a layer of salt, and so on till your crock is full, then tie down with thick brown paper, and let it stand in a cool cellar, which ought not to be too dry. It is not necessary that the crock should be filled at one gathering of beans, but you must be careful that whenever you stop filling in the beans a good layer of salt must always be on the top, and the covering of brown paper must always be at once tied over the crock till removed for the next addition of beans. When cooking in the winter the beans should be put into a basin, and enough hot, but not boiling, water poured over to cover them. Let them stand for three-quarters of an hour. The salt will sink to the bottom. Then gently lift out the beans into another basin and pour on the hot water as before. Repeat this 3 or 4 times, and when finally boiling, as you would fresh scarlet runners, add to the water you boil them in a pinch of carbonate of soda, and their green colour will be restored.

PEACE HAS ITS VICTORIES.

Thou hast looked, O flag of England, on many a noble sight,
But the folds of snow that waved upon the far Matoppos' height
Beheld a nobler scene than all the glory of a fray,
For "Peace with honour" triumphed o'er the pomp of war's array.
It was a triumph of our arms, though British swords were sheathed,
And round the spears of dusky foes the snowy banner wreathed.
A triumph, for at England's feet the flag of truce was spread,
But ever in the shadows loomed the faces of the dead.

In silence went Britannia's friends to meet Britannia's foes.
Around the lone Matoppo Hills in dusky shadows rose.
No rattle of the bayonet, no sheen of sword was there,
Unguarded and unarmed they stood within the foemen's lair.
They might have fallen on the spot, where many a hero fell,
But nought that told of treachery broke Nature's solemn spell.
They saw no glint of rebel spears, they heard no warlike tread,
But ever in the shadows loomed the faces of the dead.

A flash as of a spark was seen, and from the foe's retreat
A line of dusky warriors came the gallant few to meet.
Each chieftain, armed with shield and spear, which told of martial use,
But o'er their weapon's deadly sheen flew high the flag of truce.
Soldier and chieftain mingled then, and peace divine was made.
They who had fought as foes sat down as friends beneath its shade.
No more 'mid the Matoppo wilds shall noble blood be shed—
But ever in the shadows loomed the faces of the dead.

Of England's glories in the field they sing in warlike songs,
But few have told in minstrelsy of England's foemen's wrongs.
He told, that dusky chief, of deeds that stirred the savage heart—
How ties which even savages hold dear were torn apart.
He asked for justice and redress, as free men ask to day—
For freedom ratified and dark injustice swept away.
Deep and impassioned was his tone, the flag flew high o'er head,
But ever in the shadows loomed the faces of the dead.

McCloskie, Barnes, and Baxter, and many a noble one,
Who ruthlessly amid this very scene to death went down.
Their memories lay like a cloud above that noble sight,
Their blood to deepest crimson turned the banner's folds of white.
Can peace, however glorious, heroic lives restore?
Or dry the tears of those who mourn their dead upon our shore?
Nay, but their names and deeds shall live in battles yet to come,
More stirring than the glory of the trumpet and the drum.
To rouse the heart to noble deeds, the feet to warlike tread,
Forever from the past shall look Britannia's deathless dead.

KAY BEE.

THE DRUMMOND CASTLE.

Among the Parliamentary papers issued yesterday was a copy of the report of the inquiry into the loss of the Drummond Castle. The report, of which the general conclusions have already been made known, finds that the vessel was in good condition and properly equipped and manned, also that Capt. Pierce was a competent officer. The report goes on to find that the Drummond Castle was not navigated with proper and seamanlike care, inasmuch as the use of the lead was neglected, and she was going at too great a rate of speed in thick weather and a very dangerous locality. The casualty was primarily caused by sufficient allowance not having been made for the easterly current.

Mr. G. Morgan, timber merchant, of Crieff, was found dead in Laggan Hill Wood, near his residence. Mr. Morgan, who was 60 years of age, leaves a widow and grown-up family.

With the object of commemorating the great benefits which the late Baron Hirsch conferred on the settlers in his Argentine colonies, the heads of families there have decided to give the names of Moses Hirsch to every male child born until the first anniversary of his death.

VOLUNTEER GOSSIP

The usual weekly meeting of the members of the North London Rifle Club took place on Wednesday at Ilford in very wet and stormy weather, a few hours only being available for shooting, as the targets were frequently undiscernible at the longer ranges. In Series A, any position at 200, 500, and 600 yards, commencing at 600 yards, the spoons in Class 1 were taken by Lieut. Howard, 3rd E. Surrey with 34, 32, 34—100, and Colr.-sergt. Hore, 2nd London, 95. In Class 2, Pte. J. J. Kent, H.A.C., 30, 33, 31—94, won the spoon; and Sergt.-instr. Ward, Customs, 92, and Mr. Bashford, 90, were next best scores. In Class 3 the spoon fell to Sergt.-instr. Gill, Customs 82; and in Class 4, Mr. S. Thol won the award with 88.

In Series G, at long ranges, with the Martini, in Class 1 the spoon fell to Lieut. Richardson, L.R.B., with 54; and in Class 2 to Mr. Bashford, 45, Sergt. Britton, 1st Essex Artillery being penalised. The spoon for the aggregate of long and short ranges was secured by Lieut. Richardson, L.R.B., 54 91—145; and he also took the award for the match rifle and M.B.L. series at 800 and 900 yards with 81. In the Lee-Metford Series at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Pte. Burton, L.R.B., won with 95, Lieut. Richardson, L.R.B., who made 98, being penalised. In the revolver series at 20 yards, using alternate hands, spoons were won by Pte. Luff, L.R.B., 40; Pte. Holmes, Artists, 40; Trooper Knapp, Middlesex Yeomanry, scratch, 39; Pte. Young, jun., London Irish, 38; and Pte. Denyar, 3rd Middlesex Rifles, 37; Sergt. Britton, 1st Essex Artillery, 37, being counted out.

The team selected to represent the North London Rifle Club against the Portsmouth Club, left London on the 29th inst., and at Browndown ranges inflicted a severe defeat upon the local team composed of members of the 3rd V.B. Hants. The weather was very favourable for high scoring until just at the close of the match, when the sun broke through the clouds and shone directly into the competitors' eyes. Col. Holbrook captained the Portsmouth team, and Mr. Burton performed a like office for the Metropolitans. The latter, shooting in grand form, won an interesting match by 61 points—918 against 857. On Monday the team crossed over to the Isle of Wight to Sandown range, and, after a hard struggle, the North London Rifle Club, captained by Mr. Burton, gained a second victory by 11 points over the Isle of Wight Rifle Association team, captained by Maj. Arnell—799 to 788. The colonel and adjutant of the 5th V.B. Hants were present, and both teams dined together afterwards at the Sandown Railway Station.

The Volunteer cyclist competition for the Challenge Cup for teams of 5 riding 100 miles under service conditions, took place on the borders of Hampshire, Surrey, and Berkshire, starting and finishing at the White Hart Hotel, Blackwater. Seven teams in all competed. The day was fine, but windy, and the roads in excellent condition, whilst the arrangements made by Col. Savile, late Royal Irish Regiment, gave every satisfaction. The contest is a purely amateur one, the Challenge Cup being held by the commanding officer of the winning regiment, silver medals going to the winners and bronze to the second team. All the teams covered the same routes, viz., to Guildford and back 28 miles, to Alton and back 38 miles, and to Aldermaston and back 38½, in all about 104½ miles. The Newcastle men gave up after riding to Alton and back, the Welshmen retired after riding to Aldermaston and back, the cup falling to the holders, the 1st V.B. Fusiliers (who won it last year at Dumfries), in the record time of 6hr. 32min. 2sec.; the Galloway Rifles (Dumfries) were only 2min. 23sec. behind; and the 17th Middlesex were third. The winning team was composed of Corpl. J. W. Schofield, Ptes. H. C. Dracott, P. M. Turner, R. Wilson, and F. Pimm, and had been well coached by Lieut. Foulkes.

The Customs Rifles continued their annual prize meeting on Thursday last, when, besides deciding the tie for the "Grey" Memorial Cup, a long series of prizes, amounting to about £80, was competed for. The tie for the Cup, with a purse of £5, was decided by firing 3 rounds at 500 yards, and was won by Colr.-sergt. Barker, who put on 10 points against 9 points made by Colr.-sergt. Chapman.

In Series A, members of over 6 years' service, 5 rounds each at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Bisley targets, the best records were made by Sergt. C. Hazell, 67; Pte. Youatt, 64; and Sergt. Hewison, 59. The Aldershot Series, competed for by those members who attended the Aldershot camp, 10 rounds at 200 yards, kneeling, were taken in order of merit by Colr.-sergt. Davis 43 and Colr-sergt. Hazell 39. In Series B, members of 6 years' service and under, 7 rounds at 200 and 500 yards, the best scores were made by Pte. Gueriott 50, Pte. Bear 49, and Pte. Everitt 48. In the Aldershot Series, the best totals made—10 rounds at 200 yards—were Pte. Yeomans 43, Pte. Lucas 38, Pte. Ford 36, Pte. Kerr and Corpl. Pearce 35 each. Series C—recruits, 10 rounds at 200 yards: Pte. Yeomans 43, Corpl. Ford 36, and Ptes. Kerr and Knight 35 each. Maj. Glue carried out the arrangements to every competitor's satisfaction.

On Tuesday last, at Runnymede, the members of the South London Rifle Club held a competition at 800 yards, 10 shots, with the Lee-Metford. In Class A, Capt. Heath, Paddington, won the spoon with an excellent 47 out of 50; Sergt. Black, 2nd Middlesex, made 43; and Sergt. Hugo, 3rd East Surrey, 40. In Class B, the spoon was secured by Bugler Shilston, Bloomsbury, 41; Sergt. Malschinger, 3rd Middlesex Artillery, 41, being counted out. With the revolver, at 20 yards, spoons were won by Mr. Winans, 41; Capt. Heath, Paddington, 40; Trooper Knapp, Middlesex Yeomanry, 34; and Sergt. Malschinger, 3rd Middlesex Artillery, 29. And at 50 yards by Mr. Winans, 37; Capt. Heath scoring 33.

The Ulster Rifle Association meeting opened on Thursday at the Kinnegar Ranges, Belfast, under the direction of Mr. T. Caldwell. Rain prevented a commencement until late in the afternoon. The Lord Lieutenant's Cup, at 200, 500, and 600 yards, was not concluded; and in the Range Series, at 200 yards, Lieut. Greer made 35; and in the unlimited series, at the same distance, Trooper Knapp, Middlesex Yeomanry, and Corpl. Sheldon, Sheffield, each put on 35, the highest possible. London, Glasgow, Liverpool, and Ayrshire are all well represented, but the entries are below those of previous years.

The Lord Lieutenant's prize fell to that well-known shot, John Boyd, of the 3rd Lanark, who tied with Pte. Hayhurst, of Canada, for the Queen's Prize in 1895, his total of 101, out of a possible 105, being a grand achievement. Mr. John Alexander, of the Lisburn Rifle Association, followed with 99, and Mr. F. W. Henry made 95. Mr. J. E. Snow, who made the same total, won the silver medal of the N.R.A., those in front of him having previously won this distinction. With 91, Mr. R. Duncan won the bronze medal of the Irish Rifle Association, he being a local junior, showing promising form.

What I am told: That the Autumn Rifle Handicap Tournament of the North London Rifle Club will commence on the 16th. That the City of London Rifle Association will hold an autumn prize meeting at Rainham on Monday. That the Volunteer Swimming League is going so strong that it will hold its first annual costume entertainment at the St. George's Baths, Buckingham Palace-rd., on Oct. 2, to which ladies are specially invited; the final of the water polo tournament (for medals presented by the Tadpole S.C.), a team race open to auxiliary forces Home District (for the Otter Club medals), a 60 yards handicap (open to auxiliary forces of the United Kingdom), a scratch race 60 yards (open to all auxiliaries) for a gold medal, a tug-of-war for teams of 4, and a water polo match form the programme, a good one, arranged by Lce.-corpl. Clothier, Queen's Westminsters. That the Hampstead detachment of the 3rd Middlesex Rifles are jubilant over the certainty of having the old colours of the Loyal Hampstead Volunteers, used a century ago, returned to them from the new regimental headquarters at Hornsey, whither they were removed recently. That Lieut. Evans Fyers, of the Post Office Rifles, has presented a challenge cup for the encouragement of sectional field firing, in memory of his father, Sir Wm. A. Fyers, and that it will be competed for in the first week in August, concurrently with Match III. of the Field Practice Association. That, in accordance with the age limit, Col. du Plat Taylor, C.B., has retired from the command of the 26th Middlesex Rifles, which corps he raised in 1868. That the 3rd London Rifles possess a promising runner in Drmr. J. Chambers, who won the Volunteer marching order race at the Victoria and St. George's sports, the 100 yards and 440 at the Tee-to-Tum meeting, and second prize in the 300 yards Business Houses meeting at Wembley Park. That the County of Gloucester Rifle Association will hold its annual prize meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday at Avonmouth. That in a match between the I Co. of the 1st Bucks and the Luton Cos. of the 1st Bedfordshire, shot at Wolverton, Pte. Sandwell, of Wolverton, made a century (33, 32, 35—100). That Lord Waldegrave, captain and hon.-major in the L.R.B., and Chairman of the Council of the N.R.A., one of the most popular of Volunteer officers, has been appointed Captain of her Majesty's Body-Guard of Yeomen of the Guard, in succession to the late Earl of Limerick. That the Duchess of Sutherland is an expert rifle shot. At the Sutherland Rifle Association meeting her grace made 6 inners and 1 magpie with the Morris Tube.

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VOLUNTEER REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

2ND TOWER HAMLETS R.E.—Engineering every evening (except Sat.), 7 and 8.15. Tues. and Thurs., co. drill, &c., 8.15. Mon., Wed., and Fri., recruit drill and musketry instruction, 8.15. Sat., class firing; details will be posted in drill halls. Sat., batn. drill, H.Q., undress uniform; n.c.o.'s, 6; general parade, 6.15. G.N.R. detachment—Mon. and Wed., co. drill, &c., 8.30. Engineering every evening except Wed. and Sat., 7.30 and 8.30. Recruit drill every evening except Wed. and Sat., 8.30. Morning drills on Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2ND MIDDLESEX ARTILLERY.—Mon., band and trumpeters' practice, 7.30. Tues., gun, repository, and squad drill, 7.15. Wed., No. 1 Co., under co. officer, 7.30. Thurs., left wing gun, repository, and squad drill, 7.15. Fri., right wing gun, repository, and squad drill, 7.15. Sat., No. 6 Co., under co. officer, 5.30; carbine competition, Ilford, for No. 3 and 5 Cos.; trains from Liverpool-street from 2.

3RD MIDDLESEX A.—1st Division, Armoury House, Vineyard-walk, Farringdon-road, 7.45. Mon., drill for No. 3 Co.; Tues., No. 3 Co.; Wed., No. 1 Co.; Thurs., A Co.; trumpeters' practice, 8.45. Fri., drill for 1st Division. 2nd Division, 76, Lower Kennington-lane, 7.45. Mon., drill for Nos. 5 and 6 Cos.; Tues., No. 11 and B Cos.; Wed., Nos. 4 and 7 Cos.; Thurs., band practice; Fri., drill for 2nd Division. 3rd Division, Porteus-road, Paddington Green, 8. Mon., drill for No. 8 Co.; Tues., No. 10 Co.; Wed., No. 9 Co.; Thurs., drill for C Co.; Fri., drill for 3rd Division.

2ND LONDON.—Drills, H.Q.: Tues., 8, recruits and signallers. Thurs., 8.30, ambulance drill. Fri., 8, recruits. Sat., adjt.'s parade; muster outside Portland-road Railway Station, 5; dress, drill order; the drum and fife band to attend. Class firing and practice on Wed. only. Range closed Mon.

3RD LONDON.—Co. and recruit drill, Mon., Tues., and Wed., 8. Special drills, Mon., I Co.; Tues., K and L Cos.; Wed., A Co. Class firing, Wed., Thurs., and Sat. Range closed Mon.; C and G Cos. association meeting, Sat. City of London Rifle Association meeting, Mon. The batn. will parade at Southfield Station, Sat., 4.1; dress, drill order, with leggings; a band will attend.

1ST MIDDLESEX.—Wed., class firing, Stanmore. Sat., 3rd class firing, Stanmore, C Co.'s prize meeting at Bisley, from 1.

2ND (SOUTH) MIDDLESEX.—Batn. drill every Tues., 8, H.Q. drill field for all members; plain clothes. Recruit drill, Tues. and Fri., 8; plain clothes. Musketry instructions for recruits, Sat. Class firing, Wormwood Scrubbs, Wed. Caterham, Wed. Prize shooting, Caterham, Sat. (Cadogan Series).

3RD MIDDLESEX.—Barnet detachment, Fri., 3rd and 2nd class firing, Child's Hill range, from 2 to dusk. 1st class on Park range every Sat. from 2 to 5. Hornsey detachment, Tues. and Wed., recruit drill at National Hall, Hornsey, 8.30. Tues., co. drill. Thurs. and Sat., shooting. Highgate detachment, class firing, Tues., 6.45 to 8.30; Sat., 6.45, 9, and 2.30 to dusk. Sat., 1st class firing on Park range, from 2 to 5. Mon., co. drill, 8.30; drill order. Tottenham detachment, Wed., co. drill, 8.30; drill order. Mon., Wed., and Fri., recruit drill, 8.30. Fri., signalling class, 8. Enfield Lock detachment, Tues. and Thurs., co. drill, 8; drill order; Thurs., band will attend. Fri., firing exercise and aiming drills, 8.30. Thurs. and Sat., class and practice at Park range from 3 to 1, and from 2 to dusk.

4TH (WEST) MIDDLESEX.—Mon., class firing, 1st class, 2. Tues., co. drill, 8; Morris tube, G Co. Recruit drill, H.Q. Mon., Wed., and Thurs., 8.

5TH (WEST) MIDDLESEX.—Recruit drill, Mon., 8. Batn. drill under Maj. Willing, at the School, Tues., 8; plain clothes. Recruit drill, Wed., 8; bugle practice, 9. Co. drill, at the School, Thurs., 8. Recruit drill, Fri., 8; band practice, 9; signalling practice, 8; 1st class, Runnemede, Mon. all day. 3rd class and recruits, Wormwood Scrubbs, Thurs. all day.

LONDON SCOTTISH.—Mon. and Wed., recruit drill at 8.

12TH MIDDLESEX.—Co. drills, Mon., D Co., and Wed., E Co., 5.30, Somerset House. Mon., Wed., and Thurs., squad drill for recruits, 4.30 and 5.30.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER.—Recruit drill, Endowed Schools, 6.30 and 7.30, Mon. Wed., Co. drill, Endowed Schools, 7. Thurs., 3rd class and recruits all day, Wormwood Scrubbs; signalling class, 7; bugle band practice, 8.30. Sat., 2nd and 1st class all day, Bisley. Burgess's Cup Compta. on arrival of the 1.30 train, Bisley; the 3rd Long Range Compta. is postponed till Oct. 3, all day.

15TH MIDDLESEX.—Co. drills: Mon. and Fri., Shadwell, 7; Fri., Victoria Dock, 8. Recruit drills: Mon. and Fri., Shadwell, 7; Mon. and Fri., Victoria Dock, 7. Tilbury drills: Recruits, Tues., 6; Co., 7.10. Morris tube and aiming drill: Mon. and Fri., Shadwell, 8; Mon., Victoria Dock 8. Signalling: Practice, Shadwell, Mon., 7. Classing: Ilford, Thurs. 3rd, 2nd, and 1st class from 2 to 5; members must be on the range not later than 3. Any members who have felt water-bottles in their possession are requested to return them to the armoury at once, to be stamped.

LONDON IRISH.—Mon., 2nd and 1st class firing, Park, 8 to 1, and 2 to dusk; bugle practice, 8. Tues., 2nd and 1st class firing, Park, 8 to 12, Stanton Evans' Challenge Cup, commence 12 noon. Open to marksmen only of the current year at the date of the competitions; Queen's conditions; uniform optional; school of arms, 8. Wed., 3rd class firing, Wormwood Scrubbs, 8 to 1, and 2 to dusk. Fri., Morris tube, 8.

17TH NORTH MIDDLESEX.—Mon., batn. drill under Sergt.-maj., 8; plain clothes. Wed., batn. drill, 8; plain clothes.

18TH MIDDLESEX.—Recruit drill on Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri. during Sept., at 8. Musketry: 3rd class firing at Wormwood Scrubbs every Mon. and Fri., and Sat.; Stanmore range, Fri., 9 till dusk, except on gold badge days. Morris-tube practice as usual. Signalling, cyclist, ambulance, and band practices on usual nights allotted to them. All valises must be returned to Quartermaster's stores not later than Sat., Sept. 12.

19TH MIDDLESEX.—Co. and recruit drill, Foundling, Mon., Tues., and Fri., 7.15. Morris tube, H.Q., Thurs., 6.30. Musketry, Wormwood Scrubbs, 3rd class, Tues. and Sat., from 7 a.m.

21ST MIDDLESEX.—Co. and batn. drill, Tues. and Thurs., 8.30, Spa Fields or H.Q. Recruits' drill H.Q., 8.30, Tues. and Thurs.; squad drill, Wed. and Fri., firing exercise, aiming drill, and Morris-tube practice. Class firing, Wormwood Scrubbs, Mon. 8; Tues. (3rd class only); trained members and recruits. Runnemede, Sat., 1st class recruits, and 2nd and 1st class trained members. Shooting fixtures, Sat.; co. prizes, left half batn.

22ND MIDDLESEX.—Recruits drill and non-efficient men every Mon., Wed., and Thurs., at 7.30. 3rd class musketry at Wormwood Scrubbs, every Fri. and alternate Sats. All out-standing valises and kit bags must be returned to stores at once.

26TH MIDDLESEX (Cyclists).—Thurs., manual and firing exercise, Magazine Rifle, 8.

1ST ROYAL FUSILIERS.—Mon., co. drill, University, 8; recruit drill, University, 7.30. Tues., recruit drill, H.Q., 7.30. Wed., co. drill, University, 8; recruit drill, University, 7.30; 2nd and 1st class firing, Staines, 2. Thurs., 3rd class firing, Scrubbs, 2. Fri., 3rd class firing, Scrubbs, 2; recruit drill, H.Q., 7.30. Sat., 2nd and 1st class firing, Staines, 2; F Co.'s prize meeting.

2ND ROYAL FUSILIERS.—Mon., squad drill for recruits, Somerset House, 8.30. Tues., squad drill for recruits, Somerset House, 8.30. Wed., batn. and recruit drill, Somerset House, 8.30. Thurs., squad drill for recruits, Somerset House, 8.30. Sat., co. and recruit drill, Westminster Hall, 8. Ambulance drills: Wed., bandaging and stretcher drill, H.Q., 8.30.

3RD ROYAL FUSILIERS.—Mon., 3rd class firing, Stanmore, 9 till 1; rifle club, 2 till dusk. Tues., co. and recruit drill, 7.55. Wed., recruit drill, 7.55. Thurs., co. and recruit drill, 7.55. Fri., 3rd class firing, Scrubbs, 9 a.m. till dusk. Sat., 3rd class firing, Scrubbs, 9 a.m. till dusk; batn. drill under Sergt.-maj.; also recruits; drill order, 5.55.

TOWER HAMLETS R.B.—Mon., Bearer Co. and Signallers, 8; drums, 9. Tues., Batn. and recruits, 8.30. Wed., battery bearer co. and signallers, 8.30. Thurs. batn. and recruits, 8.30. Fri., band, 8.45. Sat., Batn. and recruits, 6.30. The Adjutant will hold an examination of corporals for the rank of sergeant on Tues., commencing at 8. The next medical examination, Tues., 8.30. Class firing: Wormwood Scrubbs, Mon., from 2 till dusk; Ilford, Mon., 2nd class, from 9 a.m. till dusk. Regimental Shooting Club: Every Mon., Ilford, 9 a.m.

2ND TOWER HAMLETS.—Tues. and Fri., recruit drill, 8.30. Thurs., batn. drill, 8.30. Tues and Thurs., signalling practice, H.Q., 8.30. Class firing at Ilford every Sat. and Mon., from 2 till dusk. 2nd class shooting on Sat. and Mon. until further orders. 1st class shooting every Monday. 1st class, Sat. Officers' Cup Compta., Sat., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE.—Recruit drill, Mon., Wed., and Fri., 6.30. Tues. and Thurs., Co. drill, 6.30. Examination of sergeants. Signalling section. Cadet drill, Tues. and Thurs., 6.30. Musketry, Tues. Co.'s monthly comptns., Bisley targets, and F Co. challenge clock. Thurs., class and recruits. Fri., practice. Sat., "Ewen's Memorial Bowl Grades Match," and Match v. 1st V.B. Warwick Regiment.

1ST CADET BATN. KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS.—Mon., batn. and recruit drill, Guildhall, 8.30; brass band practice, Finsbury, 8. Tues., drum and fife band practice, Finsbury, 8.30. Wed., bugle band practice, Finsbury, 8.30; Morris-tube practice, Finsbury, 7. Thurs., n.c.o.'s instruction class, 8. Fri., batn., recruit, cyclist, and ambulance section drill, Guildhall, 8.30.

1ST SURREY.—Mon., co. and recruits' drill, 8. Wed., musketry, 8; practice, brass band, 9. Thurs., school of arms, 8. Fri., class firing, Bisley, 3 to 7; practice for drum, fife, and bugle band, 9. Sat., 6th spoons and ladies' challenge cup.

2ND (WEST) SURREY.—Mon., 3rd class and recruit shooting, Milton; cycling drill, 8; ambulance drill, 8.30. Tues., recruit drill, 8. Wed., recruit drill, 8. Thurs., gymnasium, 8. Fri., recruit drill, 8. Sat., 1st and 2nd class shooting, Milton.

4TH EAST SURREY.—Mon., co. and recruit drill, Clapham quarters; recruit drill, H.Q., 8. Wed., co. and recruit drill, H.Q., 8; Morris Tube practice, 8. Thurs., co. drill and class of instruction under sergt.-maj., H.Q.; recruit drill, Clapham quarters, 8. Sat., recruits firing, all classes, from 2, Bisley.

5TH WEST SURREY.—Mon., general instruction under Sergt.-maj., 8. Tues., drill for mounted infantry detachment, 7.30; drum, fife, and bugle practice, 8.30. Wed., transport instruction, 8; cyclist drill, 8.30. Thurs., batn. drill, 8; finance meeting, 8. Fri., class of instruction for n.c.o.'s, 8.15. Sat., co. drill, 5.45, drill order. Musketry: 3rd class firing, Underground Range, Mon. and Thurs., 8.; 2nd and 1st class and volley firing, Staines, Sat., 2; trains leave Waterloo (North Station) 12.40, 1.57, and 2.5.

1ST CADET BATN. (THE QUEEN'S) ROYAL WEST SURREY.—Drills—A and B Cos., Red Cross Hall, Southwark, S.E., drills suspended for annual recess until further orders. C Co., Harrow Mission, Latimer-road, W., Mon. and Thurs., 8.30; D Co. (St. George's), St. Mary's House, Johnson-street, E. (Bethnal Green), Oxford House, E., Wed., at 8.30, Victoria Park-square, Thurs., at 8.30; (Stepney), Haileybury Club, Stepney Green, Tues. and Fri., 7.30; E Co., right-half, St. Andrew's Institute, Carlisle-place, S.W., Mon., 8.15; left-half, St. Peter's Institute, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., Sat., 8.15; F Co. (Marylebone), Omega Hall, Omega-place, N.W., Tues. and Thurs., 8.30. Band practice, C Co., Harrow Mission, Thurs.; E Co., St. Peter's Institute, Sat.; F Co., Omega Hall, N.W., Fri., 8.30. Signalling, Oxford House, Wed. Gymnasium, Harrow Mission, Thurs., 7.30.

3RD ESSEX.—Recruit drill, Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 8; Sat., 5.30. Class firing, H.Q., Mon. and Tues., 7 to 9; Sat., 2 to 6. H Co. only on Thurs., 3 to 5 and 7 to 9. Members who have not yet completed their 3rd class firing are requested to do so as early as possible. Sat., Batn. volley firing at Childerditch; drill order, 2. E Co.'s rifle club prize shoots, Wed. 7 to 9.

4TH ESSEX.—Tues., co. drill, Stratford, 8. Wed., co. drill, Silvertown, 8.15. Thurs., A, D, E, and F Co. drills, Drill Hall, Hackney, 8.15; orderly room, 5 to 6. Sat., 2nd and 3rd classfiring, Ilford, 10 to 6; judging distance practice, Victoria Park, 5.30; drill order, without rifles. Recruit drill every night at the drill hall, Hackney, 8.15. Drum and fife and bugle practice, Berger-rd., 8.

2ND WEST KENT.—Mon., A and B Cos. prize meeting, Bromley Range; 10 a.m.; band practice, 8.15. Tues., co. drill, 8.15; drill at Goldsmiths' Institute for D Co., 8.15. Wed., recruit drill, 8.15; clothing parade, 9; drum and bugle practice, 9.15. Thurs., co. drill, 8.15; clothing parade, 9. Fri., recruit drill, 8.15. Sat., D and L Cos. prize meeting, Milton, 2; train leaves Greenwich 12.26; blank firing and Morris-tube practice for recruits, 3.30.

1ST CADET BATN. EAST KENT REGIMENT.—A Co.—St. George's Hall, Ramsgate, co. parade, drill order, for field exercises, Chatham House Grounds, Ramsgate, Thurs., 7.30. Recruit drill, Tues. and Fri., 7.30. Class firing, Wed., on range 7. B Co.—Rifle Drill Hall, Margate, co. parade Wed., 7.30; Lewis's Estate, drill order for the attack, Tues., recruit drill, 7. Sat., class firing, 3. C Co.—The Elms, Ramsgate, co. parade, Thurs., 7.30; Chatham House, for the attack, drill order. Section drills: I. Section, St. Augustine's College, Wed., 11 a.m.; II. Section, West Cliff School, Wed., 9.30 a.m.; III. Section, Kent College, Canterbury, Sat., 2.30 p.m.; IV. Section, Granville College, Fri., 9.30 a.m. Class firing, as ordered. D Co.—Town Hall, Dover, parade, drill order, Wed., Dover College cricket ground, attack drill, 7 p.m.; squad drill, Tues., H.Q., 7. Sat., "Buffs" drill shed, 8. Cyclist Section—Thurs., St. George's Hall, 7.30. Stretcher section—105, High-st., Ramsgate, parade, St. George's Schools, Sat. 3 p.m., uniform; lecture, H.Q., Wed., 8.

VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.—The next class for the training of stretcher bearers of units will be held at the H.Q. of the L.R.B., 130, Bunhill-row, E.C., by permission of Col. H. Cholmondeley, commanding, and will commence on Mon., Oct. 5, at 7.30.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL STAFF CORPS.—Wed., No. 5 Co. drill, 7.30, Guildhall. All hospital drills suspended until further notice.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE COMICS.

(From MOONSHINE.)

Mr. John Burns has removed his whiskers. Why? That we make take more notice of his cheek?

CANDID.—Parson: Halloa, you boy there! Are you stealing apples?—Boy: Yes, sir! Want some?

Good Hearing.—The man who was under a cloud has got over it.

Very Benevolent.—"I gave him a good start," as the ghost said when he had frightened the small boy.

NOT EXACTLY.—Are you fond of shooting? Not exactly, but I have a corn that is.—Can you plough? Not exactly, but I know the way to Harrow.—Do you know the root o'four? Not exactly, but I know the root-to-too.—Have you a lock of Maud's hair? Not exactly, but my boss has a lock of Chubb's.—Do you know how to play the cymbals? Not exactly, but I know the way to Clapham.—Is there a baronet in your family? Not exactly, but brother Dick is going to be a surgeon (Sir John).—Did you ever take a trip to Paris? Not exactly, but I walk into a French roll every morning.—Do you draw at all? Not exactly, but I have a blister that does.—Do you smoke? Not exactly, but our kitchen chimney does confoundedly.—Do you run fast? Not exactly, but we have an old cistern that does uncommon.

(From PUNCH.)

Village Boy (after interviewing Etcher at work): 'E ses 'e's a-itchin', but it looks to me more as if 'e wor a-scratchin'!

Trainer: Now then, look sharp, and get mounted.—Crack Light-weight: All right, guv'nor. I'm just waitin' for my valet to come and help me off with my overcoat.

Those who are Never out of Spirits: Licensed victuallers.

The Real Read Dear: A lady journalist.

INGRATITUDE.—Brown: Why doesn't Walker stop to speak? Thought he knew you!—Smith: Used to; but I introduced him to the girl he married. Neither of them recognise me now!

AT SCARBOROUGH.—'Ariett (pointing to postillions of pony chaises): Why do all them boys wear them jackets?—'Arry: There's a stoopid question! Why, they're all jockeys a-training for the Leger, of course.

SAVOIR-VIVRE.—Mamma (to George, who is escorting his sister to a party): Now mind you keep an eye on Minnie.—George: Oh—er—well—you know, mother, it doesn't do for a fellow to be always watching his sister. Other chaps don't like it, you know!

(From JUDY.)

THE NEW WOMAN.—"My dear Miss Picton do you know that your starched front is all damp?"—"Yes, I know. I have just been seeing my fiancé off to India, where he will remain for two or three years?"—"And you have been weeping?"—"What do you think of me? Not a bit of it. He did the weeping."

ENVY.—"How are they all at home, Green?"—"All right, thanks, except my wife, and she's got a swollen face. The doctor says it seems to be in fashion our way."—"For goodness' sake don't tell my wife, or she'll want one, too."

Levi: I'll givth you thix months' credit with the watch.—Jones: It has a fine healthy tick.—Levi: Vell, so is the thix months. What more do you want?

THE REASON WHY.—"Dr. Nasmyth is quite young, but he has got a good practice already, and his patients all seem to like him. Don't know how he managed it."—"Simply enough. He tells all the imaginary invalids that they are very ill, and all the real invalids that they are well."

A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.—They are determined to make the life of Li Hung Chang, during his travels, a worry to him, but almost the last straw must have been when Mr. Gladstone presented him with a copy of his works to read.

(From PICK-ME-UP.)

DESCRIPTIONS.—A bunion is a bootmaker's trade mark. A bustard is a big bird. A bastard is not. A baron is more often a foreigner than an Englishman. A 'bus is a vehicle for a needy millionaire. A 'bus driver has sometimes been a gentleman. A bun is that which is taken. A bag is generally a Gladstone. A bug is a Norfolk Howard. A bear is connected with the Stock Exchange. A bull is the same. And Bulawayo is similar. A dandelion loves a level lawn. A deduction is taken off for cash, having previously been placed there for fear of cash. A dam turns the course of a river. A digestion is only to be found in medical museums. A dog has a license to steal. A doctor has a license to live, but not to let live. A doctrine is the result of the dictum of a doctor. A deafness is not always inconvenient. A door-mat keeps the door-step clean, and saves the mud for the drawing-room carpet. A douceur is more blessed to receive than to give. A dinner is a thing of duty and a pain for to-morrow. A diamond is a fine piece of property, but paste is very pleasing. A dentist has no choice; with him it is jaw or nothing—all jaw, in fact. A delicacy is as distinct from an indelicacy as a pimple from a rash. A dancer dances, and the wisdom of the world wobbles on the edge of her petticoat. A daughter is better, or worse, than a daughter-in-law.

(From FUN.)

ANNOYING.—Scene: Hyde Park, 11 a.m.: Captain Snob: Yes, it is a good machine; it cost me over thirty pounds.—Buttons (suddenly arriving): If you please, sir, master says have you done with his machine, because he wants it.

WATER FAMINE IN THE EAST.—Policeman: What, you two drunk ag'in? It's positively disgraceful!—Inebriated Coster: No, 'tain't. Waste o' water not allow'd (hic!). Me an' my pal (hic) sets yoo th' example (hic)—all day long—takesh all our sherbet neat!

MADE TO FIT.—Friend (to Mr. Levy).—Don't you think it's a pity, Levy, to let your little son walk so early? He is getting quite bandy-legged.—Mr. Levy: I vants him to get bandy-legged. You see, I am bandy-legged mineself, and ven mine poy is old enough to vear mine left-off trousers, dey vill fits him petter if he is bandy-legged!

"WAWKPHAR" for tender feet. All Her Majesty's Forces supplied by authority of Government Medical Officers.—Chemists, Stores, and Perfumers, 6d. and 1s. Recommended by W. J. Sturgess, the World's Champion.—[Advt.]

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

(From the WORLD.)

The Queen will confer the Order of the Bath (G.C.B.) upon the Grand Duke Alexis Alexandrovitch during his approaching visit to Balmoral. The Grand Duke Alexis is an uncle of the Emperor Nicholas, and has been for many years the High Admiral of Russia.

Mr. H. A. White, solicitor to the Queen, has written to the East Cowes Urban District Council offering £2,000 to the ratepayers on condition that the public roadway between the lodge gates at Osborne is closed and the site transferred to her Majesty. This arrangement would considerably increase the "amenities" of Osborne, as the circumstance of the road between the Queen's lodges being open to the public often causes much inconvenience. The offer is locally considered to be a very liberal one.

The sturdy Montenegrins have been greatly excited by the betrothal of Princess Helene to the future King of Italy. One evening a number of enthusiastic mountaineers broke into the palace, seized their burly ruler—it took a dozen of them to carry him—the Prince of Naples and the Crown Prince Danilo, and took them down the main street of the capital on their shoulders. All over the principality the same feeling prevails, and Prince Nicholas's Albanian subjects at Podgorica—the Manchester of Montenegro—sent a detachment in full dress to dance the kolo in front of the palace at Cetinje. The Prince of Naples is head over ears in love with his fiancée, and the betrothal was announced a month before it was intended in order to gratify the impatience of this ardent lover, who has scarcely left the princess's side. The match is a singular example of history repeating itself. For the "Black Princes," who ruled over Montenegro prior to 1516, not infrequently married Venetian wives, the daughters of the Doges and Patricians of the Republic of St. Mark.

Another unsuspected talent possessed by the German Emperor is now sprung upon us. He has announced the gift of a silver cup for a match from Dover to Heligoland after the celebration to commemorate the 60th year of his grandmother's reign. In this competitive era silver cups are as plentiful as blackberries; that which will make this cup—3ft. in height—more precious is the fact that "it has been designed by his Imperial Majesty himself," and it is said (perhaps from that circumstance) "to be very valuable." Moreover, none but the British need apply, so that we are certain to be ultimately favoured with a sight of the Kaiser's skill in the art of Holbein, Cellini, and Vechte.

(From TRUTH.)

Her Majesty will stay at Balmoral until Friday, Nov. 13, and is then to remove to Windsor Castle until Dec. 18 or 22, when the Court will proceed to Osborne until the middle of February. The Queen has again engaged the hotel at Cimiez, near Nice, for the months of March and April.

The Emperor and Empress of Russia are to land at Leith when they arrive from Copenhagen in the Imperial yacht, and they will travel by special train to Ballater, passing over the Forth and Tay Bridges. The Duke of Connaught and the Duke of York are to receive the Emperor and Empress at Leith, and the Prince of Wales will meet them at Ballater Station.

When the Emperor and Empress are at Balmoral the Queen will personally invest his Majesty with the Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, while the Empress is to receive from her Majesty the first-class of the Royal Order of Victoria and Albert.

The Emperor will return this compliment by conferring the St. Andrew (the first Russian Order) on the Duke of York, while the Duchess is to receive the Order of St. Catherine. The insignia of the St. Andrew include a star, which the Emperor will present in brilliants.

The Duke of Connaught will go to Germany next month to represent the Queen at the unveiling (by the Emperor William) of the monument which has been erected at Coblenz to the Empress Augusta. The Empress Frederick is to be present at the ceremony, and also the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Baden, and the Duke of Coburg.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, who are residing at Blenheim, where a variety of alterations and improvements are being carried out, will receive a visit there from the Prince of Wales during the last week in November.

THE DUNVEGAN CASTLE.

At the invitation of Messrs. Donald Currie and Co., a large party of London journalists shipped on board the new and magnificent Castle liner, Dunvegan Castle, at Blackwall, for a trip to Southampton. This was the first public trial of the huge steamer, the private one having been made when she came round from the Clyde, where she was built at the famous Fairfield Works. As regards her speed, it will suffice to say that in spite of a longish detention off Gravesend, and going slow to the Nore, the voyage was completed in 12 hours. All the ponderous machinery worked with the utmost smoothness, and even aft the screw produced very little vibration, while forward its motion was imperceptible. It goes without the saying that all the fittings and arrangements are of the most up-to-date character; nothing that conduces to comfort has been forgotten or omitted. Perhaps the most noteworthy feature is the excellent accommodation provided for the second-class passengers, of whom about 200 can be carried. It is distinctly superior in many respects to what most first-class passengers had to make the best of a decade back, even in high-grade liners. There is also accommodation for 130 third-class travellers, while of first-class the steamer can carry 180. Thus, with her crew and stewards, the full complement of human beings on board this superb vessel will be 700. She is of nearly 6,000 tons burden, has a length of 465 feet, a breadth of 51 feet, and a depth of 35 feet. All the cabins are of more than average size, while the promenade decks stretch right fore and aft, thus affording plenty of room for pedestrian exercise. A most capable chef presides over the cuisine, and the dining saloons being exceptionally spacious, there is nothing to hinder those on board from partaking of their meals in real comfort. The Dunvegan Castle continued her voyage to the Cape yesterday afternoon, after embarking a large contingent of passengers, who travelled from London to Southampton by train, and all who had shared the pleasures and comforts of the trial trip heartily wished Capt. Robinson and his gallant ship, "Bon voyage

The displacement of the new war vessel Cæsar, which has been floated out of dock at Portsmouth, will, when fully equipped, be about 15,000 tons.

It is reported that among Lord Rosebery's guests during the autumn will be Mr. and Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, who are expected in London in a few weeks.

John Davis, Soho fruiterer, was remanded at Clerkenwell, charged with obtaining a dog worth £2 10s. by false pretences. The police allege that he has obtained dogs and all sorts of thing under the names of Godfrey, Spencer, Smith, Stanley, and Lawrence all over London.

Mr. T. Knowler, fruiterer and postmaster, of Graveney, Kent, has been found lying dead in a ditch at Graveney Marshes. The shaft of a cart, in which he had been riding, had pierced his breast, and his skull was also smashed. It is supposed that the horse having fallen into the ditch, Mr. Knowler received his fatal injuries during the struggle of the animal to regain its footing.

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OUR LOCAL THEATRES.

There seems to be no end to enterprise in regard to local theatres. This is the latest instance of the theatrical determination to properly tap the suburbs:—"Messrs. H. H. Morell, Fred Mouillot, and Weldon Watts have taken the Kilburn Theatre, which is to be reconstructed and refurnished." Then comes the further statement that Mr. C. E. Machin is to build a theatre at Kilburn, which can already boast a good home of the drama. Matters in Brixton are now proceeding apace, and the new theatre will be opened with a matinee performance of "The Sign of the Cross," by Mr. Wilson Barrett and Co. on the 21st inst. ——Next month a new drama, by Mr. H. Leonard, acting manager of the Surrey, will be seen at the Lyric, Hammersmith, where "A Daughter of Ishmael," by W. J. Patmore, saw light during the past week. The play was originally given in the provinces as "Miriam Gray; or, the Living Dead."——Twice during the week "The Private Secretary" was given at the Crystal Palace by Mr. W. J. Lancaster's Company.——To-morrow "The Wages of Sin" will be presented at the Novelty by Miss V. St. Lawrence.——Here are the fixtures for this week:—Grand (Islington), Mr. Tree and company, "Trilby"; Britannia, "Never Too Late to Mend"; Standard, "A Woman's Victory"; Pavilion (Mile-end), "Straight from the Heart"; Royal (Stratford), "Frivolity"; Opera House (Stratford), "On the March"; Parkhurst, "Harbour Lights"; West London, "Greed of Gold"; Lyric (Hammersmith), "Shadows of a Great City"; Metropole, "The Guv'nor"; Kilburn, "The New Baby"; Surrey, "The World's Verdict"; and Elephant and Castle, "Proof."

STRATFORD.

While the people of Stratford are to be congratulated on possessing "the finest and most commodious theatre in the United Kingdom" (a big sounding phrase, but absolutely warranted), they are still more to be felicitated on what is of even greater importance—an interprising and experienced dramatic caterer, in the person of Mr. W. H. Fredericks. Mr. Albert Fredericks, the father, has not only built for them a theatre with the artistic assistance of Mr. Frank Matcham, the architect, but he intends to make the entertainment worthy of the edifice, and commenced well by securing Mr. Beerbohm Tree for the first week. The theatre was packed on the opening night, and there was an even larger crowd outside, attracted by the guard of honour of the local fire brigade, and the arrival of the West-end visitors. "Henry IV.," which was only seen on afternoons at the Haymarket, was the play chosen for representation, and Mr. Beerbohm Tree's Falstaff—a brilliant piece of acting and a marvel of make-up—quite captivated the audience. Mr. Fuller Mellish, as Hotspur, ran the actor-manager very close in point of interpretation, the vigour and earnestness of which was warmly appreciated; Mr. Lionel Brough, full of humour as Bardolph, and Mr. Holman Clark, as the new Henry, also coming in for a fair share of local appreciation. On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Tree demonstrated his kindly feeling by putting on "Trilby." Svengali was a huge success. On the first night Mr. Tree came forward, in response to loud calls at the fall of the curtain, and spoke thus:—

I should be wanting in courtesy if I did not say how greatly the company are gratified by your reception of Shakspere's great work to-night. It is, indeed, appropriate that the Stratford Theatre should have been opened—however imperfect our own work may have been—with a Shakespearean play. It is not, however, for me to speak of our own work, though we one and all thank you for the enthusiasm with which you have greeted our efforts. The heroes of the occasion are not Hotspur, Prince Hal, or Falstaff, but Mr. Fredericks and his son and Mr. Matcham, the architect. (Cheers.) I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating the borough in possessing such a magnificent building, and in congratulating Mr. Fredericks on the possession of such a theatre, combined with the wish that he may have long life, health, and ability to manage it, and that his work may be rewarded with success. (Loud cheers.) At the same time we must congratulate Mr. Frank Matcham in producing a theatre which will seek in vain for its superior. To say more would be only gilding gold, and without further remark I beg to introduce to you Mr. Albert Fredericks, Mr. W. H. Fredericks, and Mr. Matcham.

These gentlemen were then introduced, and Mr. Fredericks, the elder, returned thanks. That there will be good times at the Borough Theatre and Opera House is certain, for amongst the bookings are:—"Sowing the Wind," "The Sign of the Cross," "On the March," Miss Fortescue and Company, Miss Minnie Palmer and Company, Mr. Van Biene with "The Broken Melody," "The New Baby," "Strange Adventures of Miss Brown," "La Cigale," and Gilbert-Sullivan operas.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

The 50th performance of "The Little Genius" was given at the Shaftesbury Theatre last Thursday, when Miss Florence St. John assumed the title role. ——The new Empire Theatre in New York was inaugurated last Monday with the production of "Rosemary," which, judged by its enthusiastic reception, bids fair to run as long across the Atlantic as it has already done on our side of the water.——Messrs. Harrison and Maude announce the opening of the Haymarket under their management early in October with the new romantic play, entitled "Under The Red Robe."——The success of "Boys Together" at the Adelphi has already resulted in the Gatti Brothers commissioning the authors of the piece, Messrs. Haddon Chambers and Comyns Carr, to write their next year's autumn drama.——At the ripe age of 83 there has just passed away Mrs. Thorne, widow of the old-time theatrical manager, Richard S. Thorne, and mother of the players, Sarah, Emily, Thomas, and Fred Thorne, and also of the Exeter Hall Evangelical lecturer, Henry Thorne.——Apropos of the forthcoming revival of "Cymbeline" on the re-opening of the Lyceum, with Sir Henry Irving as Iachimo, it is noteworthy that our foremost actor early in his career played Pisanio to the Imogen of Miss Helen Faucit at the old Theatre Royal, Edinburgh.——The long delayed New Brixton Theatre is at last nearly ready for its opening on Oct. 21.——The statement rumoured some time since is now confirmed that Mr. Brandon Thomas and Mr. Hartman have together entered an action against Mr. Penley with reference to a dispute over "Charley's Aunt," claiming £10,000 as damages.——Miss Crowe, a daughter of Miss Bateman, the memorable impersonator of Leah, has made her debut as a member of Mr. Edward Compton's touring company, and has gained such distinction in Lady Teazle, Lydia Languish, and other high comedy characters as will surely result in her appearance ere long in London.——It is said that Mr. Charles Hawtrey is writing a play with a character in it which he will himself personate. This piece is to be the next production at the Comedy.——Miss Mabel Love, lately home from her successful performances as songstress, dancer, and comedian in America, is to divide the feminine interest with Miss K. James in the musical play, called "Lord Tom Noddy," with which the Garrick will shortly re-open. The pocket humourist, known as Little Tich, assumes the title role.——The negotiations for bringing out the dramatisation of "The Pilgrim's Progress" at the St. James's having fallen through, Mr. H. J. Leslie, as manager for a syndicate, has taken the Olympic, where the piece will be seen at a date as yet unfixed.——A new theatre hard by the Garrick is to be erected in the Charing Cross-rd., and yet another playhouse is to be erected at Kilburn, in addition to the one already there, which will be rebuilt by its proprietors, Messrs. Morell Mouillot and Watts.——"The Gay Parisienne" has just reached its 150th representation at the Duke of York's Theatre.——The mounting of the new "Monte Cristo" spectacular ballet, due at the end of the month at the Empire, will cost, as credibly stated, £12,000.——Mr. George Edwardes has already in preparation a new musical piece to follow "My Girl" whenever it may be wanted at the Gaiety, the title of which may be "The Circus Girl."——The cast Mr. John Coleman has secured for "The Duchess of Coolgardie," due at Drury Lane on the 19th inst., includes Messrs. Hermann Vezin, C. Glenney, J. L. Shine, Vanderfelt, E. O'Neill, C. Holt, C. Lowne, O. Yorke, and Wm. Elton; Mesdames Edith Jordan, Kate Phillips, and Hilda Spong.——Mr. Abud starts his "Prisoner of Zenda" company at Southport next Monday. The tour will be under the direction of Mr. YorkeStephens, who impersonates Mr. Alexander's dual role of Prince Rudolf and Rudolf Rassendyll. The 2 leading female characters of the Princess and the Countess will be taken respectively by Miss Furtado Clarke and Miss Frances White.

HALLS AND PALACES.

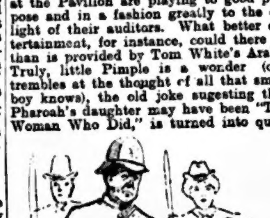
No one who has followed the doings of the variety stage for the last decade would be prepared to deny that amongst the artistes who in their time have created a peculiar interest and enjoyed an unique popularity a conspicuous place must be given to Mlle. Vanoni. Since her earlier days at the Empire and the Avenue this vivacious Frenchwoman has had many imitators, and she is now with us again to prove how far the counterfeit falls short of the original. This time she pays the Tivoli a visit, and brings with her some sprightly songs quite in the old fascinating vein.——The patrons of the Metropolitan are in for a good thing, for Mr. J. W. Edgar informs us of the exclusive engagement of Lewis Sealy's Royal Cinematoscope, with a new series of pictures, taken at Marlborough House "by command" (should not this be "by permission?") of the Prince of Wales. They will be shown this week, and cannot fail to interest.——Miss Lottie Collins returns to the Palace to-morrow with 3 new songs, "Isabella (a girl who is one of the boys)," "Quakeress Ruth (pro tem.)," and "A Girl on the Ran-dan-dan." The last-named, written and composed by Leslie Stuart, has a chorus quite in the Lottie Collins style:—

Oh, what am I to be
In high society?
An up-to-datey Gaiety girl,
With an I'm-not-built-that-wayity girl?
A goo-ly-good-goody and prude,
Who never should look at a man?
Or a slipetty-winketty sort of a girl
On the ran-dan-dan?

——The Craftsmen's and Industrial Exhibition opens on Tuesday at the Royal Aquarium, and promises to be a comprehensive display. The industrial exhibits will in many cases be worked by the individual inventors, and one of the most novel and interesting features will be the Lambeth pottery-ware, turned out on the premises by an old potter, who will preside at his wheel throughout the exhibition. Glass-blowing and brush-making will also proceed daily. The trade section is large and will contain important electrical developments. The exhibition will not, of course, interfere with the excellent variety programme.——Report speaks knowingly of a sensational "pas de trois," shortly to be danced at some of the West-end halls.——Chairman and assistant-manager Joe Haynes takes a benefit at the Bedford on Oct. 8.

PAVILION.

When a certain number of the animal kingdom is out of town, it is a nursery axiom that certain other members of that same world discard business for pleasure. Applying this to the gorgeously re-decorated building in Piccadilly Circus (which, by the way, would be a dark spot indeed but for the Pavilion lights), it will be a consolation to Mr. Swanborough, away on holidays, to read that at present those at the Pavilion are playing to good purpose and in a fashion greatly to the delight of their auditors. What better entertainment, for instance, could there be than is provided by Tom White's Arabs. Truly, little Pimple is a wonder (one trembles at the thought of all that small boy knows), the old joke sugesting that Pharoah's daughter may have been "The Woman Who Did," is turned into quite



TOM WHITE'S ARABS.

a new wheeze, and Pimple sings "A Boy's Motto—my Brother" with such feeling that it is quite time when a laugh is turned to save the tear which few people have the courage to show except at funerals and weddings. Of course, Dan Leno is immense with "M'Culloch's Men" and "The North Pole," the latter quite up-to-date in these Nansen times. Nellie Navette dances as captivatingly as ever, Lily Burnand's dashing style vies with her dresses, Walter Munroe is amusingly Irish, and Charles Mildare is that rare specimen of a whistler whose entertainment does not irritate. There is no cleverer man in his line, and the parrot business, delivered with such ease, is strikingly realistic. Why doesn't a deputy get the real benefit of an appearance? A most promising artist appeared for Miss Bessie Wentworth, but "what's in a number," she might as well have been a convict or a hospital patient for all the identity it disclosed. When a programme is adhered to numbers are right enough, but let us have names when new artists are introduced.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

Amongst the few things for which the great Li Hung Chang openly expressed admiration was the firework display which Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co. provided for his amusement at the Crystal Palace. He saw some wonderful devices, but if the truth were known many splendid effects escaped his view, being reserved in fact for that annual benefit of the great firework manufacturers, which took place on Thursday, thus marking the middle of the pyrotechnic season. A fine night favoured a great yearly celebration of fire and gunpowder, and it was indeed a glorious sight whenever an exceptionally large burst of light illuminated the heavens for miles and cast lurid rays on to the thousands of upturned faces (deadly pale, by contrast) of the spectators packed together on the terrace. There is no scene in the world to compare with it, and no show of fireworks to rival that which in the space of 90 minutes after the first rush of rockets keeps the eye riveted skywards. One of the most effective devices was a chromotrope, 120ft. in circumference, which, as it revolved, presented rapid changes both of form and colour, while the nautical picture, covering an area of 50,000ft., was a triumph of constructive skill. It represented a wreck and a lifeboat to the rescue. Perhaps the most startling and popular novelty was the monster "feu de joie," produced by the simultaneous explosion of 200,000 huge Chinese-crackers, being 10,000 for every year of Messrs. Brock's association with the Palace. Of course, there were countless other devices to wonder at and admire. No one who rejoices in a beautiful sight should miss the Palace fireworks.

A SHOCKING STORY.
SUICIDE'S LOVE FOR A MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTER.

At St. Bartholomew's Hospital Mr. Langham held an inquest on Edward Stucky, 46, tinplate worker, Williams-st., Canning Town, who committed suicide in Aldermanbury. — Mary Pearcey, married, said that for 18 years she had lived with deceased as his wife, and various dates during that time had been fixed for their marriage. They had had several children, but just lately one of their daughters had suddenly left home, and deceased said it had broken his heart.—Coroner: Was this girl his daughter? No, mine by a former marriage.—Coroner: And she has had a child by him, has she not? Yes. (Sensation.)—Witness, continuing, said the girl had

GIVEN THEM A LOT OF TROUBLE,

as she had been charged with attempting to commit suicide, and since then she had been in a home. Deceased was unable to trace her, and frequently he wandered about the streets all night looking for her. One night, when witness was with deceased on Canning Town Railway Bridge he said to her, "How would you like to lay your head on the line?" Shortly after he walked down the slope and pointed to a spot as a "nice one for a double tragedy." A few nights after deceased begged of her to agree to their committing suicide together. The following letter addressed to the absent girl was read:—

I cannot live without the sound of your voice or the touch of your hand. I am going to die on the steps of where your feet have trod so many times. Take care of our child, and may God bless you! I love you so dearly, as you know, and I cannot live without you. God forgive my weakness; let the vipers say what they will, I am not to blame. Let those who have hearts look down on me, and forgive me in my hour of trial, as they hope to be forgiven in the time to come. If it should come to pass, in time to come, that my character is cleared, then I appeal to the Lord to let me know in some way, so as to shorten my [illegible] of sorrow. [illegible] know all we know it, or things would be different; but never mind, all will soon be over, although I loved you to the last. Much has been said is erroneous and false. Nobody but ourselves really knows the cause of this, and those who have wicked thoughts invent the rumours that are going about, and would do anything to do me harm. I pray you will forgive me.—EDWARD STUCKY.

—Verdict, suicide whilst of unsound mind.

SCENE IN A HOSPITAL.
ATTACK ON A WARDMASTER BY AN ATTENDANT.

An exciting scene was witnessed in the receiving-room at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, between 11 and 12 o'clock on Thursday morning, when a wardmaster named Samson Couch was, it is alleged, attacked by a second sick berth attendant named Arthur Sewell. Sewell was waiting with a patient to see the medical officer, and Couch was sitting down writing at a table, with his back towards Sewell, when the latter, so it is alleged, dashed across the room with an open razor in his hand, and, seizing Couch from behind, cut his throat almost from ear to ear, inflicting a terrible wound. The wardmaster named Long and others were in the room at the time, and Sewell was promptly secured and deprived of the razor. Couch is in a critical condition, and is not expected to recover. No reason is assigned for Sewell's act.

SEWELL IN THE DOCK.

On inquiry at Chatham Naval Hospital next morning, the condition of Couch was stated to be favourable. He passed a capital night, and is expected to recover. If the wound in the neck had extended half an inch further it must have been fatal.—Sewell was brought up at Chatham and charged with the attempted murder of Couch. Evidence was given by Pte. Carter, Royal Marines, who said he saw prisoner cut the throat of Couch. He appeared peculiar in his manner previous to committing the crime. Prisoner, who was remanded, asked to have the case finished at once, and appeared not to understand the reason for delay.

AN IRISH ELOPEMENT.
SOLICITOR'S DAUGHTER AND THE JOURNALIST.

Just at the close of the season at Youghal a sensation on a small scale has aroused public feeling in the town by the disappearance of a young lady, a seaside visitor from Co. Limerick. The lady is aged 20, the daughter of a retired solicitor, who accompanied her to Youghal in July. The lady and her father were staying at an hotel where they were introduced to a gentleman who described himself as an American journalist on a holiday tour in Ireland. As he appeared a gentleman in appearance and manners, and was apparently possessed of money, he was well received by the visitors. He paid special attention to a lady who passed as a beauty and had money. As her father saw she was attached to

HER NEW ACQUAINTANCE

he spoke to him as to his position and standing in New York; the legal mind could see further than the young fellow, and determined to get his daughter away. As, however, yachting was one of the amusements that the couple indulged in, they outwitted the old gentleman by sailing away for Queenstown, and there got on board an outward bound steamer for New York, 2 hours before the lady's father arrived by rail. The crew of the yacht returned the boat to her owner on Monday, and stated that the lady had money and all her personal luggage in the yacht. Her father followed by the next steamer.

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A HEAD IN A BASIN.
GHASTLY STORY OF A MANIAC MURDERER.
APPALLING ESSEX TRAGEDY.

A revolting murder was committed early in the morning at Pebmarsh, near Halstead, Essex. The victim was a farm steward named Cockerill, and the murderer was his employer, Samuel Collis, a well-known farmer, and the determined ferocity with which the crime was carried out may be judged from the fact that the victim was decapitated and the head carried about in a bowl by the murderer, who is believed to be mad. Collis is a middle-aged man, and lived on a farm adjoining that

COLLIS.

occupied by his mother. He had lately been concerned in bankruptcy proceedings, and there seems to be no doubt that financial worries had affected his reason. For some time past he had been strange in manner, frequently going about the neighbourhood with a gun, and vowing vengeance against imaginary enemies. There is reason to believe that he did not go to bed the night before the crime, but prowled about the district quite alone. Early in the morning shots were heard in the vicinity of the Hill farm, where his mother resides, and he was apparently

BENT UPON BLOODSHED,

for a couple of dogs have since been found shot dead on the farm, together with a number of fowls, and when arrested Collis had quite an armoury of weapons upon his person. About

THE FARM HOUSE.

6 o'clock in the morning Collis encountered his married sister, Mrs. Turpin, of whom he is said to have been jealous. The 2 met at the back of the farmhouse, and Collis immediately seized his sister, uttering furious cries. He certainly would have killed the woman but for the fortunate arrival of one of the farm hands, who pulled him away from her. Thus released, Mrs. Turpin fled into the house as affording the safest asylum and locked the door. Seeing himself baulked of his prey, Collis began to batter in the windows with his gun, the stock of which was broken in the effort. Observing his sister at one of the windows he

AIMED AT HER AN IRON BAR,

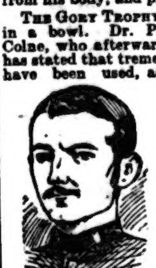
which crashed through the glass but missed its intended mark, and struck a piece of furniture on the opposite side of the room. Though a big, powerful man, weighing some 16 stone, Collis failed to force an entrance to

THE FARMYARD AND COACHHOUSE WHERE VICTIM'S BODY RESTS.

the farmhouse. At this juncture the unhappy man Cockerill appeared upon the scene, having arrived early, as was his custom to start the farm servants upon the work of the day. Collis is said to have conceived a great hatred of the steward, believing that he had supplanted him in the management of his mother's farm. What actually transpired between the 2 men will probably never be known, as the man who came to Mrs. Turpin's assistance, and might have been an eye-witness of the tragedy which followed, had left the farm precincts to fetch the police. It is believed that Collis first shot Cockerill and then beat him with the butt-end of his rifle. Having thus rendered his victim powerless, Collis ruthlessly and deliberately, with a large knife with which he had provided himself, severed Cockerill's head from his body, and placed

THE GORY TROPHY OF HIS CRIME

in a bowl. Dr. Pallett, of Earl's Colne, who afterwards saw the body, has stated that tremendous force must have been used, as the head was cleanly severed from the trunk, and part of the victim's beard or whiskers was cut off as though by a keen-edged razor. The farm hand before mentioned had conveyed news of what was going on at the farm to the police at Halstead, and P.C. Cook proceeded to the scene. When he



P.C. COOK.

reached the spot, Collis, his hands and clothes stained with blood, was in the act of walking calmly out through the farm gateway, carrying in one hand a bowl containing a human head, and in the other a double-barrelled gun and some dead chickens. Cook asked him what he had been doing, to which Collis replied that he had been killing a sheep, but in the next breath declared that he had shot a cock pheasant. On seeing the head in the bowl, Cook cried out, "Why, you have committed murder." Collis, in a dazed way, replied, "Have I? I am sorry. Let me kiss you," and, suiting the action to the word, the murderer stooped down to embrace the constable, and at the same time Cook noticed, sticking out of the man's pocket, a long-bladed knife,

STAINED WITH BLOOD.

Cook, with remarkable nerve, snatched the weapon away, and after a struggle secured the gun. The constable then took the head, and was able by marks, only too clear, upon the ground to trace the route by which the murderer had come from his victim's body. Cook found Cockerill's mutilated corpse lying in the yard among the horses and pigs. Having raised the body and placed the the head in its natural position as nearly as was possible, Cook

COCKERILL, THE VICTIM.

gave chase to Collis, who by that time had taken to his heels across the fields. The constable, who was in plain clothes, soon overtook the fugitive. Just as the officer got up to him, Collis pulled from his pocket a 5-chambered revolver and pointed it, but Cook threatened to knock him down with his truncheon if he attempted to pull the trigger. Thereupon Collis seemed to some extent to recover his senses, for he quietly replaced the weapon in his pocket, and Cook speedily had him on the ground. Assistance coming up,

THE MURDERER WAS OVERPOWERED,

securely bound with plough ropes, and conveyed to Halstead in a cart. When searched, Collis, in addition to other weapons, was found to be in possession of a razor. Great credit is due to P.C. Cook for so pluckily tackling so powerful and desperate a man. The crime has naturally caused a great sensation in North Essex, where Collis is well known. Some years ago his friends were compelled to place him under restraint for a time, and his recent pecuniary troubles, combined with other circumstances, appear to have again unhinged his mind. His mental condition was well known in the neighbourhood, and the fear was frequently expressed that something dreadful would result from it. So recently as Tuesday evening the murdered man Cockerill remarked to a gentleman in the village that he feared Collis would do someone harm. Cockerill leaves a widow and several children, for whom much sympathy is felt. Collis was brought before Mr. C. Portway, J.P., at Halstead, and formally remanded.

THE INQUEST.

The inquest on the body of Cockerill revealed some of the strangest stories ever listened to in a coroner's court. Deceased was 54 years of age, and he was bailiff at Preston's Farm, Pebmarsh.—The first witness was Ellen Turpin, married, of Old Hill Farm, who deposed that the man in custody was her brother, and that she resided with her mother at the above address. On the fatal morning at 5 o'clock, on looking out of her bed-room window, she was surprised to see her brother walking on stilts and acting very strangely in the garden. She did not hear the discharge of firearms. About 6 a.m. she went into the garden, and after a few words with her brother she turned to go back to the house, when he, without any provocation, caught hold of her violently by the arm and

FLUNG HER TO THE GROUND.

Witness shouted out, "Walter," and a man named Warren came up. She at once sent for a policeman, and the next she saw was P.C. Cook at the front of the house, carrying the carving-knife (produced) and the barrels of a gun (produced), which he asked her to take care of. Her brother a short time since was confined in a lunatic asylum for 11 months, but was discharged as cured. Since that time he had done several things for a livelihood, and eventually settled at Valiant's Farm, Pebmarsh, where he lived alone.—Warren, a labourer working for Mrs. Collis, stated that at 5.45 that morning he asked accused to open the farm gate for him to take some horses through, and as he did this he said, "Don't you tell old Turpin anything about this." Collis then went into the yard, and almost immediately he heard Mrs. Turpin scream. He then saw that she had been knocked down and at once went for a constable. Three minutes afterwards he heard the report of firearms, presumably in the farmyard, although he had noticed no weapon in Collis's possession when he left.—Alice Hicks, a servant at Hill Farm, said that she saw Collis standing over his sister, and immediately ran into the house, and, while in her room, heard the loud report of a gun and the breaking of glass.

HIDING BEHIND A HAYSTACK.

—A horseman employed on the farm named Mark Rust, stated that he saw the man Collis deliberately smash in the windows of the kitchen with a piece of iron. Witness was afraid, and hid behind a haystack, and soon after heard a report of firearms. Witness did not see Cockerill, and stayed there till the constable arrived. Witness had known Collis over 10 years, and had always been afraid of him. On the morning in question he appeared wild, as though he wished to do somebody an injury.—John Warren, 17, farm hand, said that on the morning in question he saw deceased and Collis coming out of a barn on the farm. They were quarrelling, and he could not tell what about. Deceased told witness to feed the pigs, and as he was about to do so, he saw Collis strike deceased with his fist on the side of the head. Collis was carrying a gun. Witness ran away frightened, and directly afterwards heard 2 reports of firearms. He told another labourer.

THE HEAD IN A BOWL.

—P.C. Cook, Essex Constabulary, stated that, being called by Warren, he went to Hill Farm on a bicycle. On arriving there he met prisoner at the gate, with a bowl (produced) under his left arm, and some dead chickens and a gun barrel in his right hand. Witness said, "What have you been up to?" and he replied, "I have shot a sheep, and here is the head," handing at the same time the bowl. Witness at first thought it was a sheep's head, but on looking closer saw it was the head of Cockerill, whom he knew well. Witness said, "Whatever have you been doing? You have killed poor old Cockerill," and he replied, "I shot a cock pheasant, and he came down with it." Witness said, "What shall I do," and Collis replied, "Let me kiss you." Witness drew back, at the same time noticing the carving-knife sticking out of his inside coat pocket. Witness took it away as well as the gun. Collis at once shouted,

"I AM GOING TO HAVE THAT KNIFE."

Witness said he should keep it, and if prisoner came near him he would knock him down. Witness persuaded him to go to the back of the house, but there he could get no assistance, although he knocked and called for help. Eventually Mrs. Turpin came out, and he handed her the weapons. While witness's attention was drawn in that direction Collis made a dash over the gate and across the field. Witness gave chase, and passed on his way the headless body of Cockerill, and also met Warren, who indicated the way he had gone. Witness eventually caught Collis up, and said, "It is no use your running; you will not get away from me." Accused then drew a revolver, and witness told him he would knock him down if he did not put it away, and Collis replied, "I'll shoot you, you ——, if you touch me." Witness made a rush at him, and threatened to split his head open with his truncheon, and Collis clasped his hands and said, "For God's sake don't hit me like that," putting his revolver in his pocket at the same time. Witness threw him to the ground, and took the revolver from him. Collis seized hold of his truncheon, but witness held him, and with assistance bound him with cord. Collis then said,

"I WANT MY RAZOR,"

and witness searched him, and found one in his trousers pocket. At Halstead Police Station, where he was conveyed, he shouted, "I am Prince Napoleon and Pitt. I killed a girl a week or two ago; I've been to hell, but I found no one to keep me company, so I came back." Amongst other rambling statements were, "I mean to settle all the lot this morning," and "Where is the —— Turpin, I'll have him next." Witness found that 2 chambers had been discharged from the revolver. A few weeks ago Collis had filed his petition in bankruptcy. Afterwards witness found the stock of the gun in the yard, some dead chickens and rabbits, an apple tied on string, and accused's favourite dog, shot dead, in a box.—Dr. Pallett, of Colne, said he examined the body, and found 3 bullet wounds—one in front of the right ear, another 2 inches behind, and a third in front of the left ear. The revolver must have been fired at some distance, as there was no singeing. The head must have been severed after death.

THE VERDICT.

—The jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against Collis, and addressing P.C. Cook, the coroner said, "Cook, the jury ask me to say that they commend you for your action in the case. They think you have acted in a very plucky manner, considering that prisoner was armed in the way he was.—Cook: Thank you, sir.

TOO LATE.
GALLANT ATTEMPTED RESCUE FROM A LONDON FIRE.

At Guy's Hospital, an inquest was held on Fanny Evers, 48, wife of a publican, Chatham-st., Walworth, who was burned to death.—William Skinner, sorting clerk at the G.P.O., stated that he noticed smoke and flames issuing from the top window. He knocked at the door, which was opened by a lad, and he then dashed up the stairs. The door of the room was locked, and bursting it open he was met by a rush of flame and smoke and forced to retire. He could hear groans proceeding from the room, so he went down on his hands and knees and crawled into the room. The bed was alight, and the heat so intense that he had to retire in order to recover his breath. The groaning still continued, so he made a second and a third attempt to enter the room, and at last succeeded in catching hold of deceased, whose clothing was alight, and dragging her to the landing. By that time assistance arrived, and the woman was carried out of the burning house.—A Juror: I consider you behaved in a most gallant manner, and are deserving of the highest praise.—Coroner: I quite agree with you, gentlemen. Witness has shown himself a brave man, and it is a pity his plucky conduct did not meet with greater success.—By the Jury: When he entered the room the second time his trousers caught alight at the bottoms, and he had to retire in order to put them out. Witness was of opinion that the fire originated near the bed, and that deceased fell in endeavouring to escape from the room.—Dr. Thomas, house surgeon, stated that deceased was admitted suffering from extensive burns over the whole of the body. She died shortly afterwards from shock.—The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added, "We desire to express our appreciation of the gallant and plucky conduct of the witness Skinner, who is deserving of the highest commendation.—Coroner: I quite agree with your expressed opinion, gentlemen.

MARYLEBONE TRAGEDY.
CHARGE AGAINST MRS. AITKEN REDUCED TO MANSLAUGHTER.

Mr. Curtis Bennett resumed the inquiry at Marylebone into the charge against Mrs. Aitken, 32, who was alleged to have wilfully murdered her husband, John Aitken, coffee-house keeper, of Marylebone-lane. Mr. Bodkin prosecuted for the Treasury, while Mr. Rooth defended accused.—Mr. Bodkin now intimated that the prosecution, having regard to what had transpired at the inquest, where the coroner's jury had returned a verdict of manslaughter against the accused, was determined to drop the charge of murder, and direct attention to the less graver charge, that of manslaughter.—Mr. Curtis Bennett entirely concurred in the course suggested. He was sure no jury would have convicted her of the graver charge.—Dr. Purcell repeated the evidence he gave at the inquest, describing the wound in the neck of deceased. He did not think the wound was self-inflicted.—After other evidence had been given another remand was ordered, prisoner being admitted to bail in 2 sureties of £100 each.

ACCIDENT AT WIMBLEDON.

On Friday afternoon, a serious accident, resulting in injury to 4 railway officials, occurred at Wimbledon Station (L. and S.W.R.). By some misadventure, a portion of a train from Nine Elms ran into an engine. The guard and brakesman, named Newbury and Fryman, who were in the van next the engine, sustained severe injuries, and the drivers received considerable shaking.

Someone has made it his business to visit all the harvest fields in the neighbourhood of Scarborough to ascertain the proportion of abstainers among the harvesters. They amount to not quite one-half—say, 48 per cent. of the whole.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING. See Illd. Guide and Catalogue (250 pgs.), 3d. "How to open a cigar store."—TOBACCONISTS' OUTFITTING CO., 186, Euston rd., London. Largest and original house (a reputation of 50 years).—Mgr., H. MYERS.—[Advt.]

KISSING GOES BY FAVOUR.
BANK HOLIDAY MELEE IN A LAMBETH PUBLIC-HOUSE.

At Southwark, Julia Crawley, wife of a Camberwell cabman, appeared for the second time on a remanded charge of assaulting Mr. J. Butlin, landlord of the Oxford Arms, Westminster Bridge-rd.—At the first hearing Mr. Slade convicted the woman and fined her £3 or a month's imprisonment, but upon the intervention of Mr. Cox, a gentleman well known at the court, his worship consented to re-open the case for further evidence.—Mrs. Butlin, prosecutor's wife, stated that her husband ejected a young man from the saloon bar because

HE WOULD PERSIST IN KISSING

a young woman named Triggs. Prisoner took offence at this, and threw 2 glasses at Mr. Butlin, 1 of which cut him on the forehead, covering his face with blood.—Louisa Roberts, barmaid, said the first glass was a half-pint glass, which missed him, and the second which struck him was a pony glass.—By the Magistrate: A pony glass was a small glass. While prisoner was throwing at prosecutor, the young woman, Triggs, was clearing a shelf of glasses and throwing them at anybody.—Annie Triggs, a smart young woman from Lambeth-walk, for the defence, said she was a machinist, and was keeping company with a young man named Teddy Holland, a fish porter. Her young man kissed her, and Mr. Butlin said he did not allow that sort of thing in his house. Mrs. Crawley said,

"KISS HER AGAIN,"

and upon the young man doing so, Mr. Butlin threw him out. He also threw witness down twice and kicked her, and she threw a glass at him in self-defence.—Cross-examined: She saw no harm in public kissing on a Bank Holiday.—Edward Holland corroborated his "young woman's" evidence, and in cross-examination said that although he considered that Triggs and himself were grossly assaulted, he made no complaint to the police, because he was afraid it would get the young woman into trouble.—George Barker, a cabman, said he interfered on behalf of the young woman Triggs, when the landlord and the potman knocked and kicked him about so badly that he had to be taken to the hospital on an ambulance.—Cross-examined: It was either the landlord or his "mob" who assaulted him.—Ada Girdle: It was not Julia who done it.—Cross-examined by Mr. Armstrong: Witness had been in this court before, on a charge of keeping a disorderly house.—Were you convicted? Yes, and it was you who defended me.—Mr. Slade said he had come to the conclusion that the witnesses for the prosecution had spoken the truth. It was a very serious assault, and prisoner must pay a fine of £3, or go to prison for a month.—Prisoner was removed from the dock screaming, and declaring that she would go for trial, and it was intimated that her friends intended to appeal. The fine was subsequently paid.

A SENSATIONAL LEAP.
MYSTERIOUS AFFAIR IN STAMFORD-ST.

Shortly after 2 in the morning a young man, who gave the name of Charles Johnson, and an address at North-end, near Crayford, Kent, jumped from a second floor window of a private hotel in Stamford-st., Blackfriars. He was picked up in an unconscious condition, and conveyed to St. Thomas's Hospital, where, on examination, he was found to have sustained a slight fracture of the skull and to be suffering from concussion of the brain. Several hours elapsed before he regained consciousness. The medical attendants then, on behalf of the police, endeavoured to elicit from him some details of his mad leap, but beyond his name and address they were unable to get any information from him. In the meantime the police were pursuing their inquiries in Stamford-st., and here they were directed to a woman who made

A REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

She gave her name as Harris, and told the officers that shortly before 12 o'clock the previous night she met Johnson, who was an entire stranger to her. They had several drinks together, and then went to Mason's Hotel in Stamford-st., intending to stay the night. At about 2 in the morning, according to her account, her companion got out of bed and began dressing himself. She asked him what he was doing, and he replied that he should be "getting homeward." She told him if that was his intention she would get up as well, and would accompany him part of the way. She got up and was putting on her clothes, when Johnson, without the slightest warning, struck her a terrible blow on the side of the head, knocking her down. When she got up she saw her companion going through the window. She hurried on her clothes and went down into the street, where she saw the man lying

SENSELESS ON THE GROUND.

She raised an alarm, and the police came and took him away. She added that she could give no reason for the strange act, and denied absolutely that the man complained of having been robbed. Next day the injured man corrected his first statement as to his name and address. His real name, he said, was Charles Cook, and he was a gardener employed at the North-end Nurseries, Erith, Kent. He professed to have no knowledge of what took place before he found himself at the hospital, and, while admitting that he took too much drink, says he has no recollection of having been in the company of a woman. Although his injuries are of a serious nature, his condition is not regarded as dangerous, and it is thought that in a day or two he will be able to give a clear account of what happened.

A NOTORIOUS HOUSE.

Mason's Hotel consists of 2 houses, 116 and 118, Stamford-st. It was at the latter that the notorious Neal Cream met one of the women he afterwards murdered. In the same house at a latter period lived Polly Carr, better known as the "Queen of the Forty Thieves," who is now undergoing a term of imprisonment for stealing a gipsy-boy from a racecourse under remarkable circumstances.

OVERCROWDING STEAMERS.

At Margate, Capt. Fishenden, of the New Palace steamer Royal Sovereign, was charged on a summons, for the second time within a fortnight, with carrying passengers on that vessel in excess of the registered number. On the last occasion defendant was mulcted in fines and penalties amounting to £77 for 3 different summonses.—The bench fined Capt. Fishenden £10 and costs, and 1s. per head for each excess passenger, making a total of over £20.—The chairman also expressed the determination of the magistrates to put down overcrowding on passenger steamers.

LARRY LYNX'S LATEST.

The largest field under starter's orders at Derby on Thursday was that for the Hartington Handicap, for which The Quack was a very hot favourite, backers remembering his partiality for the course. Just below the distance Hindley had the pace of him, and got home by a neck, after a punishing finish. Nat Robinson rode 2 winners on the last day, both Rose Marjorie and Lynaven being in his brother's stable. George H. Ketcham does not like the whip, and when Rieff set down to ride him in earnest for the Rangemore Stakes he unmistakably cut it, and gave the race away to the favourite Sandia, another American candidate.

At Sandown Park on Friday, Lady Bess, who had been well tried, won the chief event —the Michaelmas Stakes—in handsome style from Georgiana. The latter, who is owned by Mr. Croker, is not American bred, as her name would imply, but she is by Minting out of the young St. Simon mare, Democracy. Although not built on the same conformation as her half-brother, Bucephalus, she is a nice filly, and, like Velasquez, bids fair to amend the reputation of her sire Donovan. The September Stakes only brought out a couple of starters, but it sufficed to prove that Morny Cannon's services being retained for Dynamo was profitable policy. The horse ran his race in pieces, but the Danebury artist pulled him through at the finish.

The weights for the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire came to hand with the last issue of the "Calendar," and have already aroused a lot of speculation. The handicapper has placed Omnium II. in the highest place of honour in the long-distance race, but I fail to see why he should have done so. When he gives Omnium II. 9st. 5lb. and Victor Wild 6lb. less he must utterly ignore the Ascot Cup running, on the presumption that Mr. Worton's horse cannot stay. Pride is not at all leniently dealt with after his couple of Ascot victories. Dinna Forget is overweighted, but the French horse Arlequin is very well thrown in. I do not pretend to dictate an owner's policy, but if Mr. Worton does the right thing he will run Victor Wild right out for the Cesarewitch rather than for the Cambridgeshire, for which he is heavily weighted with 9st 9lb. I do not say that he is out of court, because Bendigo struggled up the old Cambridgeshire hill behind Gloriation with a heavy burden. It amounts to this, that Victor Wild ought either to go for the Cesarewitch or the Prix du Conseil Municipal, both of which are long-distance races. The Cesarewitch is Victor Wild's race, and Mr. Worton will do better to take what Providence has sent him in the matter of handicapping by running his horse, Victor Wild, right out for the Cesarewitch in preference to the Cambridgeshire, because he can stay in spite of all the stupid palaver of the nincompoops who aver that he cannot. The next best handicapped horse in the race is Count Schomberg, and if Love Wisely gets over her lameness she ought to go pretty close.

The Cambridgeshire Stakes has given the handicapper another severe problem to solve. With Victor Wild at 9st. 9lb., Clorane at 9st. 6lb., and Kilcock at 9st. 4lb., we are shown something like a "15" puzzle to probe. Thais has been made favourite, but public fancy, although not declared in the betting, should not omit to include Earwig 7st. 13lb., Count Schomberg 7st. 10lb., and Helm 7st. 9lb., as a likely lot to beat the field. As the acceptances come to hand on the St. Leger day, further remarks on the back-end handicaps must be held over until that race is lost and won.

It is now determined that St. Frusquin goes to the stud. More than ever the St. Leger looks like developing into a one-horse race. Since Ormonde won in 1886 the great Doncaster classic has never been regarded as such a one-horse affair as is the case this year. Look at it how you like, there is only one way out of it, and that way must be shown by

PERSIMMON.

The Champagne Stakes, as I have said before, is in a similar plight, and I fail to see how Lord Rosebery and

VELASQUEZ

can be beaten. Even if his lordship elects to run Chelandry he cannot well lose.

Doncaster monopolises the week, although there is a meeting at Alexandra Park. My selections are as follow:—

Doncaster (Tuesday).—Fitzwilliam Stakes, Chorale; Great Yorkshire Handicap Plate, Drip; Doncaster Welter Plate, Bradwardine; Glasgow Plate, Pace Egger; Clumber Plate, Mick Briggs. (Wednesday): Tattersall Sale Stakes, Hampton Wick; Cleveland Handicap Plate, Santa Anita; Rufford Abbey Plate, Paris III.; Bradgate Park Plate, King Hampton. (Thursday): Alexandra Plate, Safety Pin; Rous Plate, Galtee More; Scarborough Stakes, Shaddock; Zetland Stakes, East Sheen; Portland Plate, Esther Clarke. (Friday): Doncaster Cup, Drip or Dingle Bay; Doncaster Stakes, Labrador; Park Hill Stakes, Helm; Prince of Wales's Nursery Plate, The Widow's Daughter.

Alexandra Park (Saturday).—Selling Nursery Handicap, Pitcroy; London Handicap, Sambre; City Handicap, Bended Knees; Park Plate, Tintagel; Totteridge Nursery Handicap, George H. Ketcham.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

SANDOWN PARK MEETING.

The JUVENILE NURSERY HANDICAP of 103 sovs. Five furlongs.
Mr. W. Sibary's Albany, 8st 6lb ...Allsopp 1
Mr. F. R. Hunt's Loving Cup, 8st 3lb Hunt 2
Capt. J. Orr-Ewing's Apis, 8st 1lb......Toon 3
Mr. H. M. White's Simon Pasha, 9st Rickaby 0
Mr. T. Cannon's Conning Tower, 8st 7lb K. Cannon 0
Mr. Welton's Tickhill, 8st 7lb......Madden 0
Mr. W. H. Millard's Coriolis filly, 8st 3lb S. Loates 0
Mr. W. A. Jarvis's Lionne, 7st 10lb Woodburn 0
Mr. Gottschalk's Valentine filly, 7st 10lb T. Loates 0
Mr. Pope's Meta, 7st 7lb............Robinson 0
Winner trained by Hornsby.
Betting: 2 to 1 agst Valentine filly, 9 to 2 agst Albany, 8 to 1 agst Apis, 10 to 1 each agst Tickhill, Loving Cup, and Lionne, and 100 to 8 agst any other. Won by three lengths; a neck separated second and third.

The CARINGTON HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile.
Mr. H. M'Calmont's Irish Car, 5yrs, 8st 7lb M. Cannon 1
M. R. Lebaudy's Acrobat, aged, 8st 7lb S. Loates 2
Winner trained by Jewitt.
Betting: 13 to 8 on Irish Car. Irish Car made the whole of the running, and won by half a length.

The ABBEY STAKES of 500 sovs, for two-year-olds, by subscription of 6 sovs each. Five furlongs.
Mr. W. G. Marshall's Hazelbeach, 8st 6lb Madden 1
Mr. T. Corns's Battersea, 8st 9lb S. Loates 2
Mr. L. Brassey's St. Agnese, 8st 6lb T. Loates 3
Mr. P. Lorillard's Glaring, 9st ......Allsopp 0
Mr. R. Sherwood's Holy Friar, 8st 9lb Rumbold 0
Capt. J. Orr-Ewing's Argon, 8st 9lb...Toon 0
Maj. C. Lambton's Calcutta, 8st 6lb Rickaby 0
Mr. A. F. Basset's La Niche, 8st 6lb Robinson 0
Winner trained by J. Waugh.
Betting: 9 to 4 agst Glaring, 11 to 4 agst Calcutta, 5 to 1 agst St. Agnese, 7 to 1 agst Hazelbeach, 100 to 12 agst Holy Friar, and 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by a head; three lengths separated second and third.

The GRANBY PLATE of 103 sovs. One mile.
Mr. D. Seymour's Angelina, 5yrs, 9st 6lb Rickaby 1
Mr. F. Lynham's Despondent, 3yrs, 9st T. Loates 2
Mr. Heath's Distich, 3yrs, 8st 11lb M. Cannon 3
Winner trained by Sherrard.
Betting: 6 to 5 on Distich, 5 to 2 agst Angelina, and 100 to 30 agst Despondent. Won by a head; three lengths separated second and third.

The OLYMPIAN HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.
Mr. Kentish's Star of Peace, 4yrs, 6st 8lb Robinson 1
Mr. W. M. Redfern's Confessional, 5yrs, 7st 6lb ....Woodburn 2
Mr. T. Cannon's Melophoria, 3yrs, 6st 8lb K. Cannon 3
Mr. Maro's Castle Or, 3yrs, 7st 8lb..Allsopp 0
Winner trained by W. Nightingall.
Betting: 11 to 10 agst Confessional, 6 to 1 agst Star of Peace, 8 to 1 agst Melophoria.
Won by three lengths; six lengths between second and third.

The HOME COUNTIES PLATE of 500 sovs for three-year-olds. One mile.
Sir S. Scott's Ardvourlie, 8st 11lb M. Cannon 1
Mr. E. Cassel's Toussaint, 8st...T. Loates 2
Capt. Laing's Padishah, 9st 3lb...Rickaby 3
Winner trained by J. Cannon.
Betting: 6 to 1 on Ardvourlie, 6 to 1 agst Toussaint, and 50 to 1 agst Padishah (offered). Won by a length; bad third

STARTING PRICES.
Juvenile Nursery (10)—9 to 2 agst Albany.
Carington Handicap (2)—13 to 8 on Irish Car.
Abbey Stakes (8)—7 to 1 agst Hazlebeach.
Granby Plate (3)—5 to 2 agst Angelina.
Olympian Handicap (4)—6 to 1 agst Star of Peace.
Home Counties Plate (3)—6 to 1 on Ardvourlie.
(The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.)

HAMILTON PARK MEETING.

The CRAIGENDS SELLING HANDICAP PLATE of 103 sovs. 5 furlongs.
Mr. A. Cooke's True Note, 3yrs, 7st S. Chandley 1
Mr. H. H—ams's Ace of Clubs, 3yrs, 7st 8lb Finlay 2
Mr. T. Campbell's Bramber, 4yrs, 8st White 3
Mr. E. J. Percy's Stormont, 4yrs, 8st 6lb Lane 0
Mr. J. Speir's Peter Clarke, 4yrs, 8st 4lb Lawlor 0
Mr. C. C. Dormer's Authoress, 3yrs, 8st 2lb Hirst 0
Mr. T. G. Arthur's Bobs Bahadur, 4yrs, 8st Lofthouse 0
Mr. J. Howard's Ivy Boy, 3yrs, 7st 13lb Barns 0
Mr. D. S. Wilson's Lothair, 4yrs, 7st 12lb Gough 0
Mr. R. Macfarlane's Violenta, 3yrs, 7st 10lb Bell 0
Mr. W. Wyllie's Greenmantle, 3yrs, 7st 7lb Harrison 0
Mr. G. Dodd's First Water, 4yrs, 7st Symington 0
Winner trained privately.
Betting: 5 to 4 agst Ace of Clubs, 6 to 1 agst Bramber, 7 to 1 agst Peter Clarke, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

The BOTHWELL HANDICAP PLATE of 103 sovs. 5 furlongs.
Mr. J. Maclachlan's Poppœa, 6yrs, 9st Gough 1
Mr. P. S. Cadman's Chapeltown, 3yrs, 8st 11lb ....Sanderson 2
Mr. P. Donaldson's Inverewe, 4yrs, 8st 13lb Chandley 3
Lord Lonsdale's Porte Bonheur, 6yrs, 8st 13lb ....Calder 0
Mr. H. Low's Ayr, 5yrs, 8st 3lb...Griffin 0
Mr. T. Burns's Rabicano, 4yrs, 7st 13lb Burns 0
Winner trained by Binnie.
Betting: 5 to 4 agst Poppœa, 7 to 4 agst Porte Bonheur, 6 to 1 agst Chapeltown, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

The CADZOW SELLING HANDICAP PLATE of 103 sovs. 1 mile.
Mr. Alexander's Trade Mark, 3yrs, 7st 7lb Harrison 1
Mr. W. Wyllie's Ochiltree, 3yrs, 8st 2lb Skelly 2
Mr. W. F. Shaddon's Alsace, 4yrs, 8st 7lb Griffin 3
Mr. G. W. Ratcliffe's Olio, 3yrs, 9st Sewell 0
Mr. R. Stark's Carabas, 3yrs, 7st 9lb Lofthouse 0
Mr. A. Cook's Sea Star, 3yrs, 7st Sanderson 0
Mr. E. J. Percy's Irish Mail, 6yrs, 10st 2lb Finlay 0
Mr. G. Dodd's Tinkler, 6yrs, 8st 5lb Symington 0
Mr. C. C. Dormer's Authoress, 3yrs, 8st 2lb Hirst 0
Mr. G. Steel's Cameronian, aged, 8st 12lb Fagan 0
Mr. J. S. Diggle's Ulterior, 3yrs, 8st 9lb Chandley 0
Winner trained by I'Anson.
Betting: 3 to 1 agst Trade Mark, 5 to 1 agst Cameronian, 6 to 1 agst Ochiltree, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

The LICENSED VICTUALLERS' PLATE (a welter handicap) of 110 sovs. 1 mile and a furlong.
Mr. J. Craig's The Russian, 4yrs, 9st 4lb Gough 1
Mr. H. Elsey's Hemstitch, 3yrs, 8st 7lb White 2
Mr. T. Kay Barnes's Opera Glass, 5yrs, 9st 10lb ....Colling 3
Mr. Robertson-Aikman's Draconic, aged, 8st 9lb ....Fagan 0
Mr. G. Maclachlan's To-Morrow, 4yrs, 9st 2lb ....Bell 0
Winner trained by Binnie.
Betting: 2 to 1 on The Russian, 4 to 1 agst Hemstitch, 8 to 1 agst Opera Glass, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

The PALACE SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP PLATE of 103 sovs, for 2-year-olds. 5 furlongs.
Mr. H. Elsey's Bodkin, 7st 12lb.....White †1
Mr. Ross's Pot Pourri colt, 8st 11lb.Gough †1
Mr. T. Sherwood's Scoop the Pool, 8st 3lb Fagan 3
Mr. D. Robertson-Aikman's Mrs. Knight colt, 8st ....Bell 0
Mr. P. S. Cadman's Megœra, 8st.Sanderson 0
Mr. G. Dodd's Venezuela, 7st 11lb Symington 0
Winner trained by Elsey.
Betting: 7 to 4 each agst Bodkin and Scoop the Pool, and 4 to 1 agst Pot Pourri colt. Dead heat for first place; 2 lengths behind, Scoop the Pool was third. Decider.—Betting: 5 to 4 on Pot Pourri colt.

The ARRAN PLATE of 100 sovs. 5 furlongs.
Mr. J. M'Kinlay's Whittlebury, 5yrs, 11st 2lb ....Gough 1
Mr. J. S. Diggle's Dorimant, 3yrs, 9st 12lb Colling 2
Mr. Hope's Electra colt, 2yrs, 8st 1lb Sewell 3
Mr. R. Bourke's Chitwood, 3yrs, 9st 9lb Fagan 0
Winner trained by Binnie.
Betting: 11 to 2 on Whittlebury, 7 to 1 agst Dorimant, and 10 to 1 agst others. Won by 8 lengths; half a length between second and third.

STARTING PRICES.
Craigends Plate (12)—10 to 1 agst True Note.
Bothwell Handicap (6)—5 to 4 agst Poppœa.
Cadzow Plate (11)—3 to 1 agst Trade Mark.
Licensed Victuallers' Plate (5)—2 to 1 on The Russian.
Palace Selling Nursery (6)—7 to 4 agst Bodkin.
Arran Plate (4)—11 to 2 on Whittlebury.
(The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.)

LONDON BETTING.

CESAREWITCH.
100 to 7 agst Count Schomberg, t | 40 to 1 agst Minstrel Boy, t
20 to 1 — Bournemouth, t |

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
10 to 1 agst Thais, t & o | 40 to 1 agst Dumbarton t

SCRATCHINGS.

We are officially notified by Messrs. Weatherby of the following scratchings:— Doncaster St. Leger: Lethe, Galeazzo, Curfew Chimes, Rose King. Champagne Stakes, Doncaster: Lord Brass, Golette, Tonquin. Portland Plate, Doncaster: Gulistan. Cleveland Handicap, Doncaster: Hebron. Prince of Wales's Nursery, Doncaster: Iridescent. Doncaster Stakes: Arabella. Park Hill Stakes, Doncaster: Arabella. Rous Plate, Doncaster: Worlington. All Handicaps at Doncaster: All M. Lebaudy's horses. Doncaster Engagements: Bit o' Fluff. City Handicap, Alexandra Park: Burnhamthorpe. Maiden Plate, Windsor: Merv. All engagements: Mouchoir II., Orinoco II., Castle Hill, Poetaster, St. Frusquin.

PREDICTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK.

DONCASTER.

GREAT YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (Tuesday)
"Sportsman," Drip.
"Sporting Life," Drip.
"Field," Ortolo or Portmarnock.
"County Gentleman," Drip or Chit Chat.
"Land and Water," Patrickstown.
"Sporting Times," Drip.
"Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," Chit Chat or The Docker.
"Rod and Gun," Portmarnock.
"Topical Times," Drip or Pilot.

Champagne Stakes (Tuesday).—"Sportsman," Velasquez; "Sporting Life," Velasquez; "Field," Velasquez; "County Gentleman," Velasquez; "Land and Water," Velasquez; "Sporting Times," Velasquez; "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," Velasquez; "Rod and Gun," Velasquez or Chelandry.

ST. LEGER (Wednesday).
"Sportsman," Persimmon.
"Sporting Life," Persimmon.
"Field," Persimmon.
"County Gentleman," Persimmon.
"Land and Water," Persimmon.
"Sporting Times," Persimmon, 1; Labrador, 2.
"Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," Persimmon.
"Rod and Gun," Persimmon, 1; Labrador, 2.
"Topical Times," Persimmon.

Cleveland Handicap (Wednesday).—"Sportsman," Merchiston; "Sporting Life," Santa Anita; "Field," Santa Anita; "County Gentleman," Merchiston or Dale Tree; "Land and Water," Santa Anita; "Sporting Times," King Hampton or Sardis; "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," Medicis or Melange; "Rod and Gun," Hebron.

Alexandra Handicap (Thursday).—"Sportsman," Safety Pin; "Sporting Life," United; "Field," Safety Pin or Pitcher; "County Gentleman," Safety Pin or Lammermuir; "Land and Water," Safety Pin; "Sporting Times," United or Kyle; "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," Safety Pin or Lammermuir.

Portland Plate.—"Sportsman," Ugly or Break of Day; "Sporting Life," Grig; "Field," Hayhoe's best or Prince Barcaldine; "County Gentleman," Break of Day or Esther Clarke; "Land and Water," Esther Clarke; "Sporting Times," Palaverer; "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," Break of Day or Lesterlin.

Doncaster Cup (Friday).—"Sportsman," Laodamia; "Sporting Life," Love Wisely; "Field," Laodamia; "County Gentleman," The Rush; "Land and Water," Sir Visto; "Sporting Times," The Rush.

Doncaster Stakes.—"Sportsman," Labrador; "Sporting Life," Regret; "Field," Regret or Labrador; "County Gentleman," Rampion; "Land and Water," Regret; "Sporting Times," Labrador.

ALEXANDRA PARK.

London Handicap (Saturday).—"Sporting Life," Pretty Correct; "Field," Ramapo or Golden Slipper; "Sporting Times," King's House or Valse Step; "Rod and Gun," Doublet or King's House.

LONDON CAB DRIVERS' UNION.

Yesterday afternoon the result of the election of a president of the London Cab Drivers' Trade Union was declared as follows: Mr. J. Groh (Eastern Branch), 1,184; Mr. F. Simmonds (North London), 331; and Mr. Sadler (South Eastern), 210. Mr. Groh has, therefore, been again elected to the post. Mr. W. H. Thorpe was returned unopposed as general secretary.

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H. HENRY, Esq. (Owner).
NOTED TURF CORRESPONDENT.—My grand selections for next week are extra good. A fortune to sportsmen. If not satisfied money returned. Overnight letters, 1s. per week; Telegrams, 2s. daily.—Address, 16, THE GROVE, ELTHAM (close to late Col. North's).

FRANK ARNOLD, from NEWMARKET.
I HAVE some special information for all next week. I am confident of success, so do not fail to give me a trial, and you will not regret it, for I have the very best information that can be had, so follow my wires and have a good time. Terms, 10s. the week.—18, Malden-road, Kentish Town, N.W.

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ST. LEGER! ST. LEGER!! ST. LEGER!!!
FREE. My Selection for the ST. LEGER has been kept dark, but all connected are confident
FREE. of success. I have something good for next Thursday, also a gem for Friday,
FREE. which I will send free to all.—Send at once a stamped addressed envelope to
FREE. ARMSTRONG, 11, CALABRIA-ROAD, HIGHBURY,
FREE. LONDON.

FREE! FREE! FREE!
ST. LEGER,
CESAREWITCH, AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
ALSO A GOOD THING NEXT WEEK.—All in search of good and reliable information should send to me at once. I can do all some good from what I know. Now is the best time of the year. Remember my past successes. I know of an animal highly tried and saved for a race at Doncaster next week. Will all send me a stamped addressed envelope at once, and receive it? Give me a trial; you will then see the goods I send. Send early.—A. WARD, 76, Holloway-road, London.

DONCASTER. DONCASTER.
HARRY FAULKNER has specially laid himself out for DONCASTER, and invites all gentlemen who have not given him a trial to do so for the above meeting. No bounce, but sterling information.
TERMS: ONE-HORSE WIRES, 10s.
TWO-HORSE, 12s. 6d.
CALLERS, 2s. DAILY.
If you want a brilliant week you must send to the invincible
HARRY FAULKNER,
133, HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.

H. BARRETT (Owner), NEWMARKET,
IS in possession of very special intelligence anent several horses that will run at DONCASTER. As an inducement for gentlemen to give me one trial I will send next week's MATCHLESS INFORMATION, by LETTER or WIRE, for 2s. 6d., and will trust entirely to PATRONS' GENEROSITY to make me a PRESENT afterwards. ONE TRIAL will ensure the CONTINUED PATRONAGE of all SPORTSMEN who can APPRECIATE REALLY GENUINE INTELLIGENCE. Successful now for Eighteen Consecutive Weeks. Both Cesarewitch and Cambridge sent to all who receive Doncaster Finals.—Address, H. BARRETT, BRIGHTON VILLA, NEWMARKET.

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A GRAND WEEK at DONCASTER for 5s. ONLY.
VERY IMPORTANT TO THE TURF WORLD.
ONE WEEK'S WIRES (SPECIAL), 5s. ONLY.
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There is only one (MILLER), that is
THE GREAT PROPHET
T. A. MILLER (Owner).
THE Most Successful and Best Adviser in the World. That is a great thing to say. Now, don't miss me next week at DONCASTER and ALEXANDRA PARK. My firm is the most successful travelling now.
Remember the ST. LEGER is his LUCKY RACE.
Next week positively the last week at 5s., at 5s., 5s. the whole week's wires.
BRAVO, MILLER! GIVE YOUR CLIENTS ANOTHER GOOD WEEK AGAIN NEXT WEEK. Send 5s. and a full addressed envelope and have my ST. LEGER and CESAREWITCH Selections. Don't miss these, extra good.
Gentlemen, understand these wires are only for one week at 5s. just to give you a trial what I can do for you. There's no puff or humbug about my wires; they are all genuine which are sent by me. First batch of wires sent out at 11.30. This is the greatest knock out ever known, a week's wires for 5s., from DONCASTER and ALEXANDRA PARK. I have some grand information which will surpass all other wires sent. Try my best Special One-horse Wires (extra good), recommended, 10s. These wires are late, 12.30. Understand me right, you must send and fill in the Coupon or the charge will be 10s.

COUPON.
Mr. Miller, Sept., 1896.
Dear Sir,—I have sent you 5s. for your Doncaster and Alexandra Park wires, and if not satisfied you say you will send the following week free.
Name ....
Address ....

Lose no time. Post your letters at once, and be sure you address them to the Original
T. A. MILLER, OWNER,
POST OFFICE, DONCASTER.
Beware of others advertising in my name, as there is only one T. A. MILLER at this business.
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BEWARE OF IMITATORS.
Tell all your friends not to miss next week on any account.

TOWER OF OXFORD CASTLE.

The ruins of Oxford Castle are situated at the west end of the city. The castle was founded by Robert D'Oilli, and the building was finished in 1073. It was a fortress of great strength and extent, and was surrounded by a deep moat, the water of

(From an old print.)

which was supplied from the neighbouring River Thames. The tower represented in the sketch was the watch-tower or barbican of the fortress; within the walls were a church and convent dedicated to St. George. The fortress has been the scene of many an historic struggle; it was here that Matilda retired for protection when Stephen captured the neighbouring city in 1142. A great portion of the fortress was destroyed by the Commonwealth troops in the great civil war. In 1652 the whole of the building was demolished, with the solitary exception of the afore-mentioned tower.

PARSON AND TENANTS.

CURIOUS REVELATIONS AS TO A DISORDERLY HOUSE.

At Southwark, Mr. Slade had before him the charge against Marx Lewis, Sarah Lewis, and Annie Goldstein, of Oakley-st., Waterloo-rd., of acting and assisting in the management of a disorderly house. The male Lewis is described as a refreshment-house keeper, Goldstein being a general servant.—Mr. F. Kent conducted the prosecution. He said that from the rent-book appeared the astounding fact that the premises were owned by a clergyman, who received £60 per annum from the place.—Mr. Kent produced the agreement referring to the tenancy of the house. It was between the Rev. John George Gregory, clerk in holy orders, of Lansdown House, Hove, Brighton, and Marx Lewis, of Jamaica-pl., Limehouse.

A NOTICE TO QUIT.

—Mr. John Mallinson, clerk to Messrs. Barnard, solicitors, and agent to the Rev. John Gregory, told the court how, in consequence of receiving a complaint against the house, he served a notice to quit on Mrs. Lewis, who denied that the house was a disorderly one, and subsequently the notice was withdrawn.—Mr. E. Ratkins reported that on 1 evening he saw 12 couples enter the house, the women being prostitutes. Some of the women took in 2 or 3 men in 1 night.—Remanded.

ANGLING.

YESTERDAY'S REPORTS.

THE THAMES.

The heavy rains have considerably improved the river from an angling point of view. The water, however, is being rapidly let off through the weirs, and whereas on Friday there was a rise of 4ft. the river has nearly resumed its former level. The following are the latest reports from the under-mentioned places:—

TWICKENHAM.—The river here is now in good condition for fishing, and there have been several good takes in Twickenham Deeps, including 15 dozen roach and dace, 3 barbel, and 1 perch, taken by Mr. F. Ogden Smith.

KINGSTON.—The river is a good colour. J. Knight has taken a quantity of perch, and yesterday a client of Josh Wilkes had good sport amongst roach and dace.

HAMPTON COURT.—Roach were feeding well yesterday. The punts are getting between 8 dozen and 10 dozen a day. The water is well-coloured.

SUNBURY.—Good sport is now expected, the water being most favourable. E. Clarke's punts have been well patronised. Roach and bream are on the feed.

CHERTSEY.—Roach and dace and barbel plentiful. Hackett has been getting 50 barbel per week; also this week 14 bream, 3 jack, and 11 brace of perch. Water in first-rate condition.

STAINES.—Water still rather bright, but it is higher than for some time past. Barbel have been taken on leger tackle in fair numbers. Jack have been taken on the paternoster, but they have been small in size.

DATCHET.—Dr. Bateman and Mr. Tedden, out with Keene, has had 38 barbel, weighing 70lb.

MAIDENHEAD. — Large numbers of local anglers have been out, but there have been no specially good takes, either near Glen Island or in the Weir Stream.

GREAT MARLOW.—Owing to the rain, fishing has much improved. Mr. C. L. Mathews has taken several barbel, but nothing over 4lb.

HENLEY.—Much rain. The river has risen, and is coloured. Before the fall perch were taken in considerable numbers, and ran a fair average size, with an occasional good specimen. Roach have been taken more freely, and a few decent chub secured. A trout of 2½lb. was caught at Hambledon Lock by a well-known local angler, whilst perch fishing. On Thursday, some barbel were taken up to 8½lb.

SHIPLAKE.—A trout of 6½lb was taken here by a barbel-fisher. Water colouring rapidly.

PANGBOURNE. — Mr. Deuchar has had another trout of 5½lb., the 2 weighing about 12½lb. There has been no one trying for barbel, but there are plenty of them here. A few good chub and perch have been taken. Water still low and bright, with no stream.

THE LEA.

The rain is much appreciated, and good sport should now be had. Mr. Bradshaw has been doing well at the "Boom."

THE ARUN.

At Pulborough and Amberley the water is now in excellent condition.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

To-day (Sunday).—Albert Piscatorials, outing to Woking; Amiable Excelsiors, match at Kingston; Anchor and Hope, punt match at Staines; Anglers' Pride, outing to Harefield; Camden, outing to King's Langley; Clapham Strollers, roving match; Clissold, match at Maldon; Dulwich Waltonians, match at Amberley; Good Intent, match at Cheshunt; Hoxton Brothers, match at Shiplake; Junior Piscatorials, prize outing; Mitre Brothers, match at Ware; North-east Brothers, match at Maldon East; Royal George, match at Ashurst; St. Pancras, match at Windsor; Walton and Cotton, outing to Shiplake; Wellington, outing to Ashurst; Wimbledon Piscatorials, outing to Woking.

Monday.—Anchor and Hope, visit to Anglers' Association, renting, &c., meeting; Central Association, delegate meeting.

Tuesday.—Walham Green and Chelsea, visit. Friday.—Anglers' Benevolent committee meeting.

Rod fishing is improving at Deal, and sea-bream, pouts, and other fish are now being caught by anglers from the pier.

A monster competition (of which Mr. Ben Abrahams is secretary) comes off at Windsor on Oct. 19. The 1s. entrance fee goes to the Anglers' Benevolent Society, and any angler may compete.

RHODESIA RISING.

BODIES OF NATIVES STILL IN ACTIVE REBELLION.

Lord Rosmead has received the following despatch from Gen. Carrington:—Bodies of rebels in active rebellion still remain to be dealt with. They are located at 6 places—the Mullingwane Hills, 30 miles east of Buluwayo; N'vumkevi River, 60 miles north-east of Buluwayo; Hartley, 80 miles south-west of Salisbury; Mazoe, 30 miles north of Salisbury; Umtigesa, 40 miles south-east of Fort Charter; and Movene, 20 miles north of Gwelo. Operations are now proceeding against them. The food supplies coming in are sufficient for present wants. Grain is very scarce. Every endeavour is being made to form a sufficient reserve for the rainy season, but the result at present is uncertain.—A Zulu who has arrived at Buluwayo states that he has been kept a prisoner by the Gwaai Matabele, but escaped. He reports that 1 impi is scattered over the Gwaai country in search of food, and that the Inyama Endhlovo Regiment has started for the Zambesi with pack-horses stolen from Dawson's Fort. The Matoppo rebels are expected to come to terms shortly. Meanwhile they are probably engaged either in collecting grain for the purpose of further resistance or in hiding their guns preparatory to their surrender.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

The following telegram from Lord Rosmead has been received at the Colonial Office:—Sept. 4. Following casualties in attack upon Keiss kraal, Sept. 1. Severely wounded:— 4,403 Pte. Thomas Mahoney, 1st Batn. Royal Irish Regiment, and Sergt. Wm. Brunsden Collings, Salisbury Rifles. Both sent to hospital at Salisbury. Trooper C. Davey wounded at Umgunza, June 6, died in Buluwayo from fever supervening amputation.

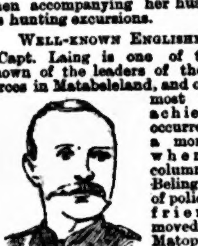
A LADY PEACEMAKER.

Among the party which accompanied Mr. Rhodes to discuss the terms of peace with the rebel chiefs were 2 ladies. One of these, Mrs. Colenbrander, is a remarkable woman, being as well known and as much respected by the Matabele chiefs as her husband. In appearance she is tall, with handsome features, and an expression as charming and kindly as her nature. Fear is an entire stranger to her, and where her husband is there will she be too. She accompanied Mr. Colenbrander to Matabeleland in 1890 when he proceeded to Buluwayo as representative of the Chartered Co. She is a finished and daring horsewoman and a splendid shot, and is never happier than when accompanying her husband in his hunting excursions.

MRS. COLENBRANDER.

WELL-KNOWN ENGLISHMEN.

Capt. Laing is one of the best known of the leaders of the British forces in Matabeleland, and one of his most brilliant achievements occurred barely a month ago, when his column with the Belingwe force of police and 170 friendlies, moved into the Matoppo Hills to attack Inguna. The column was compelled to laager for the night in a defile. At dawn it was suddenly and furiously attacked by the enemy, who rushed close up to the laager. The rebels were driven off with a loss of 90 killed. Three whites were killed and 10 wounded, while 25 friendlies were killed and 15 were wounded. Capt. Laing subsequently effected a junction with Gen. Carrington at Umsinwani. After leaving Inuzu, Capt. Laing advanced right through the Matoppos to Usher's Farm. Mr. Stanhope Ward was one of the gallant fellows who fell in the course of the fighting in the Matoppos.



CAPT. LAING.

THE LATE MR. STANHOPE WARD.

MISERABLE "HOPPERS."

BAD WEATHER AND DISTRESS IN KENT.

The hopping season of 1896 is likely to be remembered in the East-end of London for many years to come as one of the blackest on record. To begin with, owing to a widespread though totally unfounded report that the season was a fortnight in advance of that of ordinary years, thousands of poor persons—the majority women and children—found their way to the hop gardens many days before there was any chance of earning a penny. As a matter of fact, none of the hop growers in the Medway valley made a start until last Monday, and a great number have not begun up to the present. The weather during the past week has caused untold misery to hundreds whose clothing is by no means fitted to withstand such unexampled inclemency, and the violent storms and downpours of rain have practically rendered work almost impossible. The hoppers' quarters at most of the farms are quite unsuited for the habitation of human creatures at any time, and, as they are unpaved and undrained, in such weather as has been experienced last week the interiors become little less of quagmires than the sodden earth outside. The huts possess no fire-places or chimneys, and the hoppers have no means of drying their dripping clothing. Unless fine weather quickly ensues, the distress in the East-end during the coming winter will be greatly intensified, as the money brought back from the hopping—amounting in the case of some families to £10—goes far to tide over the worst period of the year. Of course, the exposure of women and children to such hardships cannot fail to result in serious and, in too many cases, permanent and fatal illness.

CONSTANTINOPLE.

TERRIBLE ACCOUNTS OF THE RECENT MASSACRES.

Despatches from Constantinople state that every day brings fresh and terrible details of the massacres of last week, and swells the number of victims, which is now estimated at about 5,000. The excesses committed in the Kassim Pasha and Haskoi quarters were horrible, scarcely a single male Armenian escaping the fury of the mob. In the first-named quarter 45 women and children, who had sought refuge on the flat roof of a house, were discovered and all ruthlessly put to death, their bodies being subsequently thrown into the street; while from Haskoi it is reported that the Jews assisted the Mussulman rioters in pointing out to them the houses where Armenians lived, and that they took part in the work of pillage.

ALLEGED OFFICIAL CONNIVANCE.

The Ambassadors have obtained strong evidence that the massacre was organised, and that the authorities connived at it. They met to draw up a Collective Note to be sent to the Porte, directing its attention to this evidence. It is said to be known that orders were given to the Bashibazouks to cease the slaughter on Thursday 2 hours after sunset. The massacre thus lasted 30 hours, during which time the troops and the police remained completely passive. It is said to be a fact, also, that hundreds of men were brought over to the town from the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus, evidently to take part in the massacres and were afterwards sent back to their homes.

THE SULTAN AGITATED.

The Sultan was greatly moved when he heard that the Embassies did not intend to illuminate on the anniversary of his accession, and sent Tewfik Pasha, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, to represent to them that the omission to illuminate might cause a bad effect on the troops. Tewfik's mission, however, met with no success. At all the Embassies he encountered the same reply, that after the events of the past few days the representatives of the Powers could do no more than observe mourning, and that illuminations which, according to European ideas, signified rejoicings, would be out of place. The completely united action of all the Embassies throughout the present troubles is reported to have made a deep impression on the Sultan.

AN EXTRAORDINARY TRIBUNAL

has been instituted solely for the investigation of these proceedings, and the trial will be conducted in public. Its judgment shall be final. The majority of the offences reported within the last few days having been committed by persons of various classes who, coming from abroad, were guilty of acts of sedition and pillage, the police have received orders to send them back to their native country." The extraordinary tribunal above referred has held its first sitting. Indictments against 143 persons—Mussulmans as well as Armenians—implicated in the recent disorders were handed to the Public Prosecutor.

A DIVORCED WIFE

SUED FOR LIBEL BY HER FORMER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Walter, who appeared at Bow-st., is a woman with a grievance. Her grievance is against Maj. Walter, from whom she is divorced, and who has married again; and, as she gives vent to her feelings by writing objectionable postcards, she was charged with libel. On the opening of the case an attempt was made to get her to promise not to repeat the conduct. At first she said she would, but afterwards she said, "They have injured me so long, I cannot do it."—The evidence showed that defendant married Maj. Walter in India, in 1871, and after the birth of her child her head was affected so that she had to be sent to a lunatic asylum. She then sought a judicial separation, on the ground that this was not cruelty to her, but the proceedings were not brought to a conclusion. She gave birth to

AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD,

and then Maj. Walter sought and obtained a divorce. He subsequently married again, and had since been subject to continual annoyance by the defendant. On Aug. 1, the anniversary, as it happened, of her silver wedding, defendant wrote a number of letters and postcards, alluding to Maj. Walter and his present wife in the most scandalous terms. These letters were sent to Mr. Soames, Maj. Walter's solicitor, to Maj. Walter himself, to his eldest son, and to his brother Arthur. A summons was applied for upon those letters, and since that summons was issued defendant had written a number of other letters, culminating in 1 written on Aug. 17, all repeating those libels on the major and his wife.—Defendant made a statement, in which she accused Maj. Walter of having threatened her, and had sworn to make her a mad woman.—Committed for trial, bail accepted.

BARNET FAIR.

The great annual fixture of Barnet Fair opened on Friday hard by the town. There was a very fair show indeed of ponies and horses, and yesterday afternoon business became fairly brisk. The note of festivity, however, was absent, and the congenial pleasures of the fair did not seem to go with the old fire and spirit. The attendance was very large. An adequate force of police kept order among the very mixed assemblage.

OLD BAILEY SESSIONS.

The business of the Sept. Sessions, which commences on Tuesday, is of rather a heavy character. There are 105 cases, in respect of which between 120 and 130 persons await trial. The Judges' List contains 18 cases, comprising 2 charges of murder, charges of manslaughter, and of shooting, besides other serious cases. The case of Galley, charged with the double murder at King's Cross, as to which the jury could not agree at the last sessions, will be in the list on Wednesday. In the Battersea shooting case, accused stands committed on a charge of manslaughter.

(MEDICAL.)
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SPIRITS, BEER, AND TOBACCO

were being sold at defendants' premises, a detective and an officer of Inland Revenue visited the place, which was mostly used by foreign sailors, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th ult., and were supplied with drinks and tobacco. They were served by the female defendant, but on 2 occasions her husband was present. The officers were not asked if they were members of a club, and the place was, it was contended, simply an unlicensed public-house, which had been carried on for some time. —Mr. Dickinson said that there must be convictions in all the cases, as both defendants had had full warning. Fines would be inflicted amounting to £420, with £8 8s. costs, and in default of distress defendants would be imprisoned for 3 months on account of each offence.

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THE GANGRENE OF EUROPE.

Lord Salisbury's recent description of the Turkish Empire as a gangrenous limb of the European body politic has since received abundant confirmation of its justice—if confirmation were needed. The terrible massacre of Armenians by the Mohammedan mob in Constantinople, when no fewer than five thousand persons fell victims to the fury of the vilest and fiercest rabble in any city in the world, has shocked the conscience of Christendom. At the same time, while nothing can excuse the conduct of the Turkish Government in permitting its police and soldiers to remain passive spectators of the slaughter, it is right that there should be no mistake as to who were the real authors of the massacre, and upon whose shoulders the ultimate responsibility must rest. An attempt has been made by some of those who affect to believe that a Turk can do no right and an Armenian can do no wrong, to suggest that the attack upon the Ottoman Bank, which preceded, and was the immediate cause of the massacre, was got up by the Turkish Government for the express purpose of inflaming the savage fanaticism of the Mohammedan populace against the Armenians. By this time, however, it is amply demonstrated that there is no foundation whatever for that insinuation. Bad as the Turk has proved himself to be, he is not so bad as that. The authors of the attack upon the bank are well known to have been—as they themselves have boasted—the emissaries of the Armenian revolutionary associations; and, furthermore, they declare that they acted with the deliberate intention of compelling the Powers to bring pressure to bear upon the Porte to do justice to the Armenians. In concocting this audacious conspiracy, which aimed at nothing less than terrorising the Powers by holding the officials of the State Bank and the inestimably valuable securities and other documents therein as hostages for obedience to the dictates of the conspirators, its authors cannot have been ignorant of the fearful revenge which might be expected from the enraged Turks. There is, indeed, every reason to believe that they reckoned upon this as an additional weapon in their hands to compel the Powers to do their bidding. It was nothing to them that they were endangering the lives of thousands of innocent and defenceless Armenians, upon whom the Turks would seek to wreak vicarious vengeance.

The conspirators have succeeded in this part of their programme to an extent which must have appalled the most callous among them. Five thousand Armenians have been butchered in the cause of Armenia at the instance of the agitators who, in the security of foreign capitals, incite bolder men than themselves to the commission of acts which they would never dare to attempt. Well might Lord Salisbury call Turkey the gangrene of Europe; and well may sovereigns and statesmen be at their wits' end to know how to deal with a problem which baffles their impotence to solve it. Meanwhile the combined pressure of the Ambassadors at Stamboul has extorted from the Sultan a new constitution for Crete. Constitutions depend, of course, for their practical value on the way in which they work. It must, therefore, depend upon the Cretans themselves whether they derive all the benefit possible from the new concessions, for the Powers, which have given their guarantee, will see to it that the Porte on its part is made to perform its promises. But before the new constitution can be put to the proof it remains to be seen whether the Cretans will accept it. The Christian majority of the population are unanimously desirous of complete emancipation from Turkish sovereignty. That, however, is more than the Powers are prepared to give them. It is dangerous to attempt any further dismemberment of the Turkish Empire, and, however anxious they may be to help the Christian subjects of the Turk, the Powers are bound to move with caution. The present proposals are really as generous as any that the Cretans could expect—short, of course, either of complete autonomy, or annexation to the Kingdom of Greece. They will, therefore, be well-advised to have no hesitation in accepting them. If they do not, they will inevitably find that they have tired out the patience of Europe, which is already weary of the anxiety and perplexity of Turkish questions in general, and this Cretan problem in particular. Should they do that, the Cretans might find themselves left to the tender mercies of the Turk, which, as recent events have sufficiently shown, are cruel in the extreme.

CONVENTION OR CAUCUS?

Anything more typically Irish than the so-called Convention of the Irish Race now assembled in Dublin it would not be easy to imagine. The absurdity of its claim to represent the Irish people is obvious when one remembers that neither the Redmondite or Healyite factions are represented, and that the Unionists—who, after all, are just as much members of the Irish race—were never invited at all. The Caucus—for Convention it does not deserve to be called—has been organised by, and in the interests of, Mr. Dillon and his supporters, with a view to confirming the leadership of Mr. Dillon and crushing, if possible, the Redmondite and Healyite opposition. The members profess, of course, to be actuated solely by a desire for unity, but the only condition upon which they will unite with their opponents is the submission of the latter to Mr. Dillon's authority. Mr. Dillon, in his speech on Wednesday, made a great profession of readiness to resign his position at the bidding of the Convention, which was exceedingly magnanimous of him, considering that there was not the very slightest probability of the Convention requesting him to do anything of the kind. As a matter of fact, every speaker who has opened his mouth has made haste to demonstrate the utter absurdity of expecting any reconciliation to result from the Dublin Caucus. The truth is that the reaction against the 10 years' iron discipline of Parnell has not exhausted itself yet; the factions have not had their belly-full of fighting; and until they have there will be but scanty chance of unity. All this time, however, the Irish people are viewing the scene with absolute indifference. They are shrewd enough to know that nothing can possibly come of the great Convention of the Irish Race.

FIELD DAY AT ALDERSHOT.

At Aldershot yesterday the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with Prince Arthur, Princesses Margaret and Victoria, Viscount Wolseley, Sir Evelyn Wood, Prince Napoleon, and several foreign military attachés, witnessed a grand field-day, in which Lord William Seymour commanded a force defending the hills from an attack by a force under Lord Methuen. Thirty thousand men took part in the manœuvres, which proved very brilliant and interesting. The duchess and her family were on horseback.

THE TAILORS' STRIKE.

A joint-meeting of the executive councils of the Tailors' Improvement Association and the International Tailors', Machinists', and Pressers' Union was held yesterday at the King's Arms, Houndsditch, to consider the situation. The proceedings were private, but it was stated that it had been found necessary to consider the advisability of extending the strike to other wholesale firms who, it is alleged, have broken the agreement arrived at after the great tailors' strike of 1889. Nothing definite, however, could be decided until the members of the 2 organisations had been consulted on the matter. It was also stated that no reply had been received to the communication sent to the Merchant Taylors' Co. asking them to use the extensive powers granted to them by their charters and ordinances with a view to bringing about a settlement of the dispute.

MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Last night a meeting of East-end tailors and mantle makers, convened by the United Ladies' Tailors and Mantle Makers' Union, was held at Christ Church Hall, Spitalfields, for the purpose of considering the evils existing in the ladies' tailoring and mantle making trade.—Mr. T. Mann, who presided, said that one object of that meeting was to decide upon some action being taken to do away with many things which were far from satisfactory in the trade. The business with which they were connected was comparatively new in London, and it was desired to bring into their union practically the whole of the 1,200 persons who were engaged in the trade. Their work was crowded into about 3 months of the year, and they had therefore been compelled to work any or all hours while the busy season was on.—Mr. Silver moved a resolution, which was carried, "that all mantle makers join the United Ladies' Tailors and Mantle Makers Union."

Last night a meeting of journeymen tailors was held at the Tailors' Hall, Aldgate-avenue, E., under the auspices of the International Tailors', Machinists', and Pressers' Union.—Mr. Lewis Lyons, who presided, said that the desperate attacks which had been made on the adherents of their union had strengthened their position, for during the past week a number of the members of the Independent Tailors' Union had left that organisation and joined the International Tailors', Machinists', and Pressers' Union. The master tailors were gaining ground in every direction, and now the firm were willing to grant the increase of prices demanded if it did not involve the recognition of the union. That objection, however, would be ultimately overcome, and the victory of the strikers was only a question of time.—Mr. N. Cohen moved, Mr. J. Greenbam seconded, and it was unanimously resolved, to make a demand upon the wholesale and bespoke houses for an advance in the prices of garments, and calls upon the Master Tailors' Association to issue notices making such a demand.

COMPLAINT AGAINST UNION AUTHORITIES.

At Greenwich, yesterday, Michael Driscoll, 62, no fixed home, was charged with attempting to commit suicide by drowning.—Insp. Wade, Thames Police, said prisoner jumped from a boat into the river near the Deptford Cattle Market on Friday. He appeared to have been drinking.—A witness named Watts said he saw prisoner jump into the water, and with difficulty rescued him in a small boat.—Prisoner said he did not know what he did, as he was overcome with giddiness. He had not a friend in the world, but could get drink when he could not get food.—Wade said prisoner was taken to the Greenwich Union Infirmary on Friday afternoon, and Warrant Officer Holden said the man's clothes were still wet.—Mr. Marsham said that the infirmary authorities ought to have dried the man's clothes or given him another suit. He remanded the prisoner, and awarded Watts 2s. 6d. for his trouble.—Later in the day a male attendant from the infirmary, whose name did not transpire, attended the court, and said the clothes were pressed in a drying machine, being placed there about a quarter of an hour after the man's admission. It was a steam-drying machine, a disinfector, and the clothes were in until 9.30 that morning.—Mr. Marsham said he would write to the guardians on the subject.

The body of a man was found by a L.C.C. constable floating in Battersea Park lake. It was subsequently identified as that of Isaac Cooper, 27, of Tennyson-st., Battersea.

Mary Harris, 66, widow, Guiness's Buildings, Brandon-street, Walworth, dropped down dead in the Duke of York, Bagshot-street, Newington.

Dr. W. H. Crowther, 45, of Guildford-street, Russell-square, while shooting with some friends in a boat, was accidentally shot by one of the guns going off while something was being done with the boat's sail. He was taken for treatment to University College Hospital, where he remains

TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

Some time ago, when it was stated in the "Globe" that the Transvaal was arming to the teeth, and that this proceeding was a most serious menace to British power in South Africa, the anti-English portion of the press absolutely denied the fact, and added that if the Transvaal was arming it was no concern and no business of ours. Even the most ostrich-like of Little Englanders will hesitate now to say that Mr. Kruger is not filling his country with arms and ammunition, for we have it on the authority of Maxim and Co. that enormous quantities of military stores have been ordered from that firm by the South African Republic. Of course, it may be said that if the money—which, by the way, is money wrung from the Uitlanders by the most unjust extortion—is to be spent on arms, it may as well be spent in England instead of abroad; but one can hardly imagine Herr Krupp, for example, being allowed to sell arms and ammunition to an enemy of Germany, to be used against the German colonists.

Mr. Hays Hammond, the American mining expert, will not gain much by his recent remarks about Dr. Jameson. The imputation of cowardice which the latter levelled at some of the Reform leaders in Johannesburg was not the consequence of anything that Dr. Jameson did, but was the result of their own acts—or, rather, want of action. At the trial Dr. Jameson took upon his own shoulders the whole responsibility for the abortive raid, and never said a word derogatory to Mr. Hammond or anyone else. But the worst thing of all is Mr. Hammond's unblushing assertion that he and his party meant to establish an independent republic at Johannesburg. The only justification for the rising at Johannesburg and Dr. Jameson's raid was the fact that most of those engaged were, or thought they were, acting in support of British interests, and on behalf of their oppressed and swindled countrymen.

No sane observer of current politics is likely to do anything to bring about a republic in any part of the world. The spectacle offered by the United States just now is by no means encouraging, when the chosen representative of one of the two great parties in the State, who may very possibly be elected president, openly advocates what is neither more nor less than a colossal act of dishonesty. France, too, has been ruled by incapables and carpet-baggers for a quarter of a century while the so-called Republic of the Transvaal—the burlesque of all good government which is supplied by the corrupt and ignorant oligarchy which rules in Pretoria—is enough to make the word "republic" stink in the nostrils of every honest man. No; what South Africa wants is the wide extension of the Imperial Government, and, like the little boy in the bath, it won't be happy till it gets it.

The origin of the present crisis in the U.S.A. appears to be understood by few—even, to judge by the speeches of the leading men, in America itself. The best authorities, however, are agreed that the whole thing is a question of currency, and that the greenbacks are at the bottom of it all. It will be remembered that after the Civil War the United States issued a paper currency which was nicknamed "greenbacks." This paper money was payable at the Treasury in gold, but when a note had been redeemed it was not destroyed, but re-issued in a very short time.

A Bank of England note is, as anyone knows, payable at the Bank in gold; but, when a note is redemmed, it is at once cancelled, and no other note is issued unless the state of the Bank reserve warrants it. But as soon as a greenback is redeemed it is paid out again, whether the reserve of gold is low or high, and the consequence is that a banker or merchant who wants gold in America has only to buy greenbacks and take them to the Treasury over and over again until he has got as much gold as he wants. No country could stand such a strain on its gold resources, and the consequence is the present trouble in America, which is intensified by the quack remedies put forward to heal it.

People are getting just a little bit tired of "Sedan" in Germany. This year the celebrations were much fewer in number than they have ever been before, and the Berlin Bourse was open on "Sedan-day" this year for the first time since the war. The fact is, a generation has grown up in Germany which knows nothing of this Franco-Prussian war, and feels only the military burdens which that struggle has imposed on the nation. Moreover, the great commercial awakening of late years, and the spread of Socialism, have both operated in making the German remember the peaceable reputation he bore before the rise of Bismarck, and he is beginning to weary of Sedan and its heroes.

"Dillon's Show," as the Convention which has just concluded in Dublin was called, was ostensibly summoned in the name of unity and Irish brotherhood. But it has most signally demonstrated that in Ireland every man is a party to himself. The remnant of the once powerful Irish party which stood aloof, abused the convention in the press and on the platform with the most refreshing outspokenness; while the remnant which followed Mr. Dillon into the Leinster Hall dubbed the Opposition papers "scurrilous rags," and their opponents "Cæsars," and men who would not "face the music." Home Rule must, indeed, be dead when these miserable squabbles are the highest states of policy its chiefs can bring about.

Cynics say that whenever a place or an amusement becomes fashionable there will always be found doctors ready and willing to give it medical sanction. The evidence of the faculty in favour of cycling is, however, above suspicion, and Dr. E. B. Turner at the Sanitary Congress said that in his own experience he had known the standard of health of many young women and girls greatly improved by cycling. But, however much he approved of cycling in moderation, he was dead against competition in races, which he said was most injurious to any woman. I do not think that anyone will dispute the truth of this assertion; even the New Woman cannot do everything with impunity.

If Robinson Crusoe's island really has disappeared in an earthquake, the shock will be felt by many a schoolboy, and, perhaps, even more by the older boys whose school days were passed before Treasure Island was discovered. It is said that the present generation of boys does not love Robinson Crusoe's story as their fathers and grandfathers did before them, and at any rate there is one great advantage about Treasure Island—it cannot be destroyed by an earthquake because it has never existed, except in the imagination of its author.

WIDE AWAKE.

FIRE AT VAUXHALL.

Last night, about 9 o'clock, a fire broke out at Mumford's Flour Mills, Albert Embankment. The mischief originated on the ground floor of a 5-storeyed building, and spread with alarming rapidity. The firemen were early on the scene, but the entire structure was very seriously damaged. A horse was unfortunately burned to death.

A CRUEL HOAX.

A cruel hoax is alleged to have been perpetrated upon a young woman at Welburn, who a short time ago left a good situation to be married. The banns were duly published, and her mistress made arrangements to give her the wedding breakfast. A few days before the date of the wedding, however, the bridegroom disappeared. The girl wrote to his landlady making inquiries, and received in reply a newspaper cutting, entitled "Is it suicide?" and describing the disappearance in Rishton reservoir of an Army Reserve man, about 25 years of age, a description tallying with that of the prospective bridegroom. Subsequent events led to the conclusion that the whole story was a fabrication, since on the young woman, in her distress, making further inquiries, information was elicited that the man was alive and well, while it appears he himself had posted the letter, no doubt with a view to ending the engagement.

HIS STOCK OF TROUSERS.

Ernest Otter, 22, electrician, Cambrige-rd., Hammersmith, was charged at Marylebone yesterday with stealing from 20, Lancaster Gate, Hyde Park, an overcoat, banjo, field-glass, musical-box, silver links, gold pins, and a quantity of wearing apparel, valued at £28, belonging to Mr. David Cornfoot, of the Stock Exchange.—The prosecutor's house is undergoing repair, and the electric light was being laid on while he and the family are staying at Brighton. The prisoner had been at work in the house helping to lay on the new light. According to young Mr. Cornfoot, certain information reached him, and he came up from Brighton on Thursday and missed a quantity of property. Det.-sergt. Entichnap was called in, and on Friday he saw prisoner at Charterhouse-st. and asked him to explain why he was not at work the previous day, the accused replied that he had told his governor that he did not like to attend the job as he felt sure something wrong was going on there. Noticing that the prisoner was wearing very good trousers the officer asked where he bought them, and the prisoner replied, giving the name of a firm in Oxford-st. On looking at the buttons an altogether different name appeared to that given by the prisoner. When accused of the robbery he stoutly denied it, but afterwards he said, "I only took 3 pair of trousers and an overcoat." Having arrested prisoner, the officer and the prosecutor went to Otter's home and there identified all the property now produced. The prosecutor said only 5 out of 15 pairs of trousers had been recovered, besides other property.—Remanded.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A HAMPSTEAD VESTRYMAN.

Dr. Oswald held an inquest on Edward Elliott, 59, provision dealer, High-st., Hampstead, a member of the Hampstead Vestry and also hon. treasurer of the Hampstead Liberal Club.—Lucy Froud, widow, landlady of the Radnor Arms Tavern, Mildmay Grove, said that Mr. Elliott called upon her about business on Tuesday night. His breathing was short, and he said he had been hurrying to get out of the rain. Witness left him seated in the parlour while she went to the cellar. She heard a heavy fall, and then found deceased lying on his face in the parlour. She called in Dr. Stevens, a neighbouring practitioner, who pronounced life extinct.—Dr. Stevens gave it as his opinion that death was due to syncope whilst the deceased was suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart. He had recently had a hearty meal, and there was a good deal of undigested food in his stomach. This, together with his running in order to avoid the rain, no doubt hastened his end.—Verdict accordingly.

EAST-END WATER SUPPLY.

Yesterday the East London Water Co. issued a notice to their consumers to the effect that during next week the 6 hours' supply would be extended to 9 hours a day in each district. The alteration in the service will commence to-morrow—in the poorer parts of Hackney, St. George's-in-the-East, and Whitechapel on Tuesday; Limehouse, Wednesday; Bethnal Green and Shoreditch, Thursday; the remainder of Hackney and Mile-end, Friday, and Poplar Board of Works District, Saturday. In the country districts, served by the company, the new arrangement will come into force as follows:—Walthamstow on Monday; Leyton, Tuesday; West Ham, Wednesday; East Ham, North Woolwich and Ilford districts, Thursday; Woodford and Wanstead, Friday; Chingford and district, Saturday. Water will be turned on as usual, but instead of there being 2 sections of supply of 3 hours each, the service will continue for 9 hours. The directors of the water company again urge the careful use of the water and avoidance of waste, whereby a return to the constant service will be greatly facilitated. This announcement yesterday caused general satisfaction.

EVIDENCE FOR MRS. MAYBRICK

Mr. St. Bernard Wilson, who has been making efforts to secure the release of Mrs. Maybrick, has, it is said, come across some entirely new evidence of a most startling character, which will shortly be placed before the Home Secretary, and which, Mr. Wilson considers of such importance as to amount to absolute proof of the lady's innocence of the crime for which she was condemned.

Thomas Herbert, 73, of Grafton-st., was passing through Charlotte-street, Tottenham Court-road, when he slipped and fell, breaking his thigh. He was admitted into University College Hospital.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

The body of Michael Colman, fisherman, was discovered lying in one of the trenches of Fort Carlisle, Cork, and from marks on the body it is believed he was killed by lightning.

The Swansea magistrates fined 6 workmen £2 2s. each for breach of contract in connection with the Dunvant colliery strike, and issued 88 fresh summonses.

Canon Dyke yesterday definitely decided to accept the rectory of Mersham, near Ashford, and he will therefore resign the vicarage of Maidstone.

An inmate of the almshouses at Whitstable, named Mary Newing, 84, fell in her house and died from the results, after being removed to the workhouse.

Last night 150 4-wheeler cab drivers of Paddington held a meeting and decided, in the event of the union determining on a strike, to continue working for the G.W. Railway.

The body of a lady found in the Thames, off Greenhithe, has been identified as that of Mrs. Martha Homewood, of Lower Tooting. There is no clue as to how deceased got into the water.

A little girl named Margaret Seddon was shockingly burned by the capsizing of a paraffin lamp, whilst in her mother's arms. The mother missed her footing and fell downstairs with a lamp in her hand.

The death is announced in Bristol of Nancy Ball, aged 102. When 16 she entered the service of a family at Sidcot, and for 86 years served succeeding generations of the same family, with whom she was at the time of her death.

The Norwegian schooner Helen, from Holmestrand, timber laden, was towed into the Tyne with bows stove in and otherwise seriously damaged, having been in collision, 10 miles from Shields, with a large barque, name unknown.

An inquest was held on William Jones, 70, labourer, who committed suicide by cutting his throat at the Lye, near Stourbridge. He had been unable to work, and had become greatly impoverished. Verdict, suicide during temporary insanity.

Alexander and Annie Wray, husband and wife, were sentenced to 2 months at Accrington for neglecting their 6 children, whose ages ranged from 18 months to 12 years. Prisoners, who come from Hull, have been tramping the country for months.

The dispute in the glass trade at Brierley Hill is likely to end in a disastrous strike. The men refuse to continue to work at Messrs. Stevens and Williams, unless a man named Handley was allowed in their employ at a certain rate of wages.

The pickets continued to patrol different parts of Leeds until work ceased yesterday afternoon, but no further disturbances occurred. The strike hands afterwards held a meeting, and passed a resolution in favour of continuing the struggle until the masters comply with their demands.

FOREIGN.

The Dutch First Chamber has passed the new electoral law by 34 votes to 12.

The Emperor William has appointed the Czar Admiral à la Suite of the German Navy.

The Glen Line steamer Glenartney, for Yokohama, which took fire in the Suez Canal, was sunk yesterday, the flames thereby being extinguished.

Sir P. Currie arrived at Constantinople yesterday, and was welcomed by the representatives of the Grand Vizier and Tewfik Pasha.

The Porte has received a formal notification of the acceptance of the Cretan Reform Scheme by the Christian Deputies.—REUTER.

Li Hung Chang and Mr. Edison have arranged to meet at Niagara. The envoy has asserted his intention of introducing the telephone and phonograph immediately on his return to China.

Julian Thomas, probably the best known journalist in Australia, has died in Melbourne from asthma. He was the author of "The Vagabond" series of papers, which attracted a remarkable amount of attention, "Occident and Orient," and several plays.

Profiting by the scarcity of soldiers throughout the country consequent consequent upon the departure of so many troops for Cuba and the Philippine Islands, the Carlist leaders are said to be seriously contemplating the advisability of an immediate rising.

LATEST AMERICAN PRICES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

NEW YORK, September 5.—Wheat closed weak at ¼ to ⅝ fall. Spot easy. Corn closed weak, ⅛ to ⅜ lower; spot easy. Lard: cash market dull. Coffee closed barely steady, 5 to 20 points lower; spot dull. Cotton closed firm, 2 to 6 points up; spot quiet. The current week's receipts at the ports are estimated at 130,000 bales. Cottonseed oil dull. Prime crude 19c, prime yellow 23c. Petroleum refined firm. Pipe Line Certificates firm and unchanged. Sugar quiet. Tin and copper quiet. Iron dull. Flour easy. To-morrow (Monday) being Labour Day, all the American markets will be closed. At Chicago, wheat closed easy, ¼ to ⅝ down. Provisions have had a bearish market on packers selling. Corn closed weak at ⅛ to ⅜ fall. Lard easy, and 2½ to 5 points lower. Pork easy, and 2½ to 10 points cheaper. Ribs easy, unchanged, to 2½ points down. Bacon steady. Hogs steady, with heavy 5 points up.

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—Call Money, United States Government Bonds, 4 per cent.; Call money, other securities, 4 per cent.; Exchange on London, 60 days' Sight, 4.82½; Cable Transfers, 4.84½; Exchange on Paris, 60 Days' Sight, 5.21¼; Ditto Berlin, Ditto 94½; Four per Cent. United States Funded Loans Registered Bonds, 107; Western Union Telegraph 79½; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Shares, 12; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Four per Cent. Bonds, 74½; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Second Mortgage Bonds, A, —; Baltimore and Ohio, 12½; Baltimore and Ohio S.W. Four-and-a-Half per Cents., at Baltimore, 95; Canada Southern, 45½; Canadian Pacific, 58; Central of New Jersey, 101; Central Pacific, 14; Chesapeake and Ohio Common, 13½; Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy, 66; Chicago and N.-Western Ordinary, 99½; Chicago, Milwaukie, and St. Paul Common, 69½; Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific, 59½; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis Ord., 25; Delaware and Hudson, 121; Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western, 150; Denver and Rio Grande Common, 10½; Denver and Rio Grande Preferred, 42½; East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia 2nd Preference, —; Illinois Central, 88½; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, 144; Louisville and Nashville, 40½; Michigan Central, 87; Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, 10; Missouri Pacific, 19½; New York, Lake Erie, and Western, —; New York, Lake Erie, and Western Preference, —; New York, Lake Erie, and Western 2nd Mortgage Bonds, —; New York Central and Hudson River, 92½; New York and New England, —; New York, Ontario, and Western, 13; Northern Pacific, 11½; Northern Pacific Preferred, 19⅞; Norfolk and Western Preferred, 13½; Ohio and Mississippi, —; Pennsylvania Shares, at Philadelphia, —; Philadelphia and Reading, 15½; Southern Railway, 7½; Southern Railway Preferred, 21; Union Pacific, 5½; Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Common, 5¼; Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Preferred, 14; Manhattan Elevated, 82½.

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE

LAST NIGHT.

It would be difficult to find a parallel for the position which Miss Florence St. John holds on the light operatic stage, and it is as onerous as it is unique. Like the physician or the specialist in affairs of medicine, so in matters musical she is often called in to prescribe in the last resort. Is a piece in the final throes, then send for Miss St. John to galvanise it into new life. Does a musical production give signs of an early decline? it is to Miss St. John that the manager turns with wistful eyes as the only one who may be able to save the theatrical child, build up its wheezy constitution, and possibly turn a brief and inglorious career into one of length and prosperity. It is not every artist who possesses a sufficient combination of pluck and magnanimity as to be ready thus to answer these eleventh-hour summonses. But, as we have said, Miss St. John has responded before now, and to good purpose, and last night she once more proved her powers in the title rôle of "The Little Genius." Before this vivacious actress and singer was called in to exercise her healing arts, Mr. Horace Sedger had himself done much to build up the none too robust frame, and by the application of new songs and fresh music, additional business, and the various other specifics which such as "The Little Genius" can imbibe without harm, and possibly with much good, had given the new leading lady full opportunities for the exercise of her abilities. It must be confessed that at the same time several members of the original cast have made ample use of their chances, and that with the added advantage of a story now more plain and understandable the musical play goes with a spirit one would have imagined impossible, judging from the impressions of the first night. Mr. Lonnen, as the plagiarist composer, deserves all the good things originally said concerning his efforts; there is a constant ripple of laughter whenever the Chevalier Tween is on the stage. Miss St. John looks charming in the black velvet suit of the young violin player. Mr. A. Sturgess has written, and Mr. J. M. Glover composed for her some new and taking songs, such as "Darbie and Dearie" and "The poor tailor's dummy," which were warmly encored. There are also new numbers for Mr. Lonnen, and an amusing bathing quartette, while for those who like dancing à la Moulin Rouge there is the daring and fantastic performance of "La Goulue" pas de quatre. In short, "The Little Genius" now presents a decidedly healthy appearance, and Mr. Glover may well expect to sit in the conductor's seat for some time to come.

QUEEN'S HALL PROMENADE CONCERTS.

Although some people think there might be less smoke, and others that there should be more cheap seats at the Queen's Hall, the bulk of Mr. Newman's patrons see little cause for grumbling, tempting as it is at all times to assert the Englishman's privilege in this respect. They had full money's worth last night, and acknowledged the fact in no unstinting fashion. The "Meistersinger" overture, played at the end of the first part of the programme, was alone well worth the shilling. Mr. Woods has rehearsed his forces to good purpose, and in Wagner's masterpiece obtained some really splendid effects. There was a novelty also last night in the shape of 3 orchestral pieces from "Xaviere," by Dubois, including an old-fashioned rigaudon and a piquant march. Wagner was further drawn upon in a grand "Tannhauser" fantasia and "Meyerbeer." Chopin, Delibes and Berlioz also figured in the orchestral selections. The soloists found much favour, and encores were numerous, the singing of Madame Lydia Lebrun, Madame Belle Cole, and Mr. Lloyd Chandos, and the playing of the Park Sisters cornet quartett coming in for special recognition. To-morrow is again a Wagner night, Madame Duma and Mr. Frangcon-Davies being the vocalists.

FOUND DROWNED.

The body of Mr. Edward Jameson, of Fern Cottage, Sturry, near Canterbury, was found floating in the river at that village yesterday, death having evidently been due to drowning. He was with friends at the neighbouring village of Fordwich overnight, and is believed in the darkness to have accidentally walked into the river.

An inquest was held at Burnham yesterday on Charles James Hooker, 36, found drowned there. Mr. Smith, landlord of the Victoria Hotel, Holkham, stated that the deceased left his house at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, and Mr. Wilson, of the Victoria Hotel, Burnham Market, deposed to finding the body on Thursday. Deceased's father stated that his son was of Bohemian habits, the inference being that he fell or went to sleep on the banks of the river, and that the tide flowed over him.—Verdict of accidentally drowned.

WRECKS AND LOSS OF LIFE.

Two schooners and a flat have been wrecked during a gale off the North Wales coast. Both schooners lost all hands, and it is feared that only one of the crew of the flat was saved. The Beaumaris lifeboat was out all night. One of the schooners went aground on the Dutchman's Bank and the other off Penmon.

A coasting steamer, believed to be the Hector of Bangor, was wrecked yesterday during a northerly gale on Dutchman's Bank at the entrance to the Menai Straits, and it is feared that the crew have been drowned, as there is much wreckage in the Straits. The Beaumaris lifeboat, with Sir Richard Bulkeley as coxswain, put out to try and render assistance.

DANGERS OF WALWORTH STREETS.

Shortly before 8 last evening a pedestrian, who would not give his name, was passing along Newington Butts, close by the end of Kennington-lane, when he was accosted by a man, who asked to be supplied with a match. Not having the article required, he politely informed the man of the fact, whereupon, without any warning, he was attacked by 3 rough-looking fellows, 1 of whom made an abominable charge against him. The pedestrian appealed to some persons near, and the roughs decamped.

After 3 years of agitation the ratepayers of Bethnal Green and Shoreditch yesterday saw the commencement of a coroner's court for Shoreditch, and a second for Bethnal Green.

The funeral of the late Mr. Horace B. Marshall, head of the publishing firm of Marshall and Sons, Thames Embankment, took place yesterday at Norwood Cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of persons.

THE VOLUNTEERS

YESTERDAY.

On the Ilford Rifle Range prizes were competed for by members of the 1st Tower Hamlets Rifles, open only to those present in the camp of the E. London V. Brigade in August at Aldershot. The conditions were 7 rounds kneeling and 7 lying down at 200 yards, Bisley targets and marking. The highest totals were by Pte. Bickerson 64, Sergt. Nathan 60, Corpl. Seal 59, Qrmr.-sergt. Towner 60, Orderly-room-sergt. White 57, Pte. Hawkins 55, Bugler Murner 54, Pte. Eskuilent 54, Bugler Atkinson 54, Staff-sergt. Knights 54, Pte. Bryant 54, Armr.-sergt. Tasker 54, Sergt. Harrison 54, Lance-corpl. Rogers 53, Corpl. Blatt 53, Sergt. Fosbury 52, Pte. T. Bryant 52, Copl. Weisen 51, Sergt. Larkins 51, Corpl. Donn 50, Sergt. Cullingworth 50, Sergt. J. W. Knights 50, Pte. J. Walker 49, Pte. A. Brooks 49, Pte. T. Rush 49, Pte. Brady 48, Pte. Suttle 48, and Bugler Selling 48. All these won prizes. Nearly 100 non-commissioned officers and men took part in the competition. Sergt.-maj. Monk, assisted by Sergt.-instrs. Jones, Hammond, and Clarke, superintended the shooting.

At Ilford the members of No. 4 and 7 Cos. of the 2nd Middlesex Artillery held their carbine prize competitions, the conditions in both cases being 5 shots at 200 yards, standing or kneeling, and 5 in any position. In No. 4 Co. the highest scores were by Corpl. Cooper, first prize, 36 points, followed by Gunr. Heworth 29, and Gunr. Herbert 28. In the Recruits' Series the first prize was won by Gunr. Allsupp 28. In No. 7 Co. the winners of prizes were Gunr. Page with a score of 40, followed by Sergt. A. E. Box 37, Sergt. Riddell 37, Corpl. Donaghy 35, Gunr. Oliver 32, and Gunr. Blyth 26.

The 2nd London Rifles carried out field firing practice at Rainham, and the 3rd V.B. Royal Fusiliers went for a route march. On the ranges at Marden Park the Moss Robinson Challenge Cup Competition was continued, E v. F. and D v. G being the companies competing. At Wellington Barracks the annual examination of signallers belonging to Volunteer Corps in the Home District was continued by the District Signalling Officer. The 4th V.B. W. Surrey Regt. proceeded for a route march to Dulwich. A and H Cos. 2nd V.B. Royal W. Kent Regt. also had a route march. The 1st Middlesex held a spoon competition and the Eves Challenge Plate Competition at Stanmore.

Col. H. Roberts, 16th Middlesex (London Irish), has, with the sanction of the General Commanding the Home District, again undertaken to form a class for the instruction of officers in field sketching and reconnaissance commencing on or about the 26th prox., and officers desirous of availing themselves should submit their names to their adjutants.

At Ilford the annual prize meeting of F Co. of the 4th V.B. Essex Regt. was held, the conditions being 10 rounds at 200 yards, third class targets and marking, and the list was headed by Sergt. Miller 31, Sergt. Cattel 31, Lance-sergt. Haigh 30, Colr.-sergt. Sampson 29, Pte. Parr 29, Corpl. Holt 29, Pte. Fletcher 29, Pte. Dickenson 28, Pte. Islasey 26, Pte. Turner 24, Pte. F. Davey 23, Pte. H. Clarke 23, and Pte. C. K. King 23.

At Bisley, the annual battalion prize meeting of the 1st Surrey Rifles was continued in fairly fine weather. The first competition was the Wimbledon Series, for prizes amounting to £27, the conditions being 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Queen's targets and scoring. The principal scores were: Pte. Johnson, 86; Sergt. Burrows, 85; Sergt. Mackey, 84; Staff-sergt. Mawbey, 83; Pte. Lee, 83; Pte. Brown, 82. In the drill and shooting the conditions were 7 rounds at 200 and 7 at 500 yards. Only members were eligible to compete who had never won a prize of greater value than £2 at regimental meetings, and who had attended 20 drills prior to annual inspection. The highest total was made by Corpl. A. D. Smith, 57, winning, in addition to first money prize, a bronze medal and the Child Challenge Cup. In the recruit series, 7 rounds being fired at 200 yards, the principal scores were: Pte. Cosedge, 23; Ptes. Hutchinson and Armstrong, 20 each. The Four Star Challenge Trophy (conditions, 5½ rounds at 200 and 600 yards) was shot for by holders of 4 stars for 20 years' efficiency, and won, with the silver medal, by Pte. W. H. O. Smith, with a score of 57.

At Bisley, the competition for the Watney Challenge Cup was held. This is an inter-batn. match, the conditions being that teams of 10 from each batn. in the county fire 7 rounds at 200, 500, and 600 yards, Queen's targets and scoring. A silver tankard is awarded to each member of the winning team. The winning team was that furnished by the 4th V.B. Surrey Regt., with an aggregate of 834, the 2nd V.B. W. Surrey being second with 826, and the 3rd V.B. E. Surrey Regt. third with 820.

GOLF.

MINCHENHAMPTON CLUB'S OPEN AMATEUR COMPETITIONS.

The second day's play of this meeting took place yesterday. Results:—Gentlemen's club prizes.—First net: J. Rawlins, 78; J. Bryan was second, and also secured prize for best net aggregate score. Gross prize: L. Grist, 88. Mr. Grist takes challenge bowl for lowest gross score of meeting. J. Bryan and R. W. Turner tied for the challenge goblet for lowest net score at the meeting. Ladies' Silver Challenge Cup: Mrs. R. H. Smith, 79. Mrs. Leslie won the prize for the best gross score of the meeting. Mixed Foursomes.—Ladies' links: Mrs. Hartley Perks and J. Watters, 75 1-3 net, 1. Gentlemen's links: Mrs. Davies and L. Grist, 95½ net, 1.

PROFESSIONAL MATCH AT BRANCASTER.

A professional match took place at Brancaster yesterday between A. Herd, of Huddersfield, and A. Tingey, of Brancaster. The weather was wet and windy. Herd went out in 44, and came home in 40, the match resulting in his favour by 3 holes up.

Aldeburgh Club's Monthly Medal.—A. F. Stewart, 80 net. Neasden Club's Half-yearly Gold Medals.—Senior: F. Ross, 77 net. Junior: L. Harmsworth, 65 net.

Rye Club's Monthly Medal.—H. H. Winterbottom and F. G. Sharpe tied, both 85 net.—Raynes Park Club's Monthly Medal (first division): J. B. Fradgley, 80 net.—West Middlesex Club's Radford "Bogey" Competition: A. L. Houlder, all even.—East Finchley Club's "Bogey" Competition: Bryce Anderson, 1 up.—Muswell Hill Club's Monthly Medal: J. Hamilton, 76 net. Hythe Club's Monthly Medals: Senior, J. G. Smith, 86 net. Junior: J. B. Wimble, 85 net.—Great Yarmouth Club's Monthly Medal: apt. Coxhead, R.A.D.S.O., 81 net.—Stanmore Club's Monthly Competitions: President's Medal: D. D. Robertson. Mr. Grenling's Medal: H. A. Prichard.

Wembley Club's Monthly Medals.—First Division: T. G. Taylor, 73 net; Second Division: L. P. Hughes, 67 net.—Redhill and Reigate Club's Meeting.—Silver Iron Aggregate Prize: C. L. Reade, 229 (3 scores); Handicap medal: J. E. H. Nicholls, 80 net; scratch medal: O. C. Bevan and C. L. Reade tied, both 83.

LAWN TENNIS.

ACTON MATCHES.

Miss D. Watts and Miss Tyres beat Miss Watts and Miss Woodhouse by 2 sets (5—4, 5—0). Miss Scandamore and N. Frazer beat Miss N. Reeves and Miss B. Smith by 3 sets (5—2, 5—4, 6—3). Mrs. Greatrex and Mr. Martin beat Mrs. Jakins and Mr. Whitting by 3 sets (5—3, 3—5, 6—0).

CHISWICK MATCHES.

Miss Reeves and B. Smith beat Mr. Teale and Mr. Martin by 2 sets (5—2, 5—3); Miss Broom and Miss Campbell beat Miss Rogers and Miss Barton by 3 sets (6—2, 6—1, 6—4); Mr. Smith and Miss Andrews beat Mr. Penny and Miss Martin by 4 sets (7—5, 6—3, 9—7, 6—4).

QUOITS.

FRED HENNELL AND ALF WHITBY FOR £10.—A match of 61 points up at Wandsworth. Scores: Whitby, 61; Hennell, 43.

LIFE SAVING EXHIBITION.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 persons assembled last evening on the banks of the ornamental water in Finsbury Park to witness a free public display, under the auspices of the Life Saving Society, of the best methods of saving life from drowning and the resuscitation of the apparently drowned. Mr. W. Henry, director of the display, delivered a preliminary lecture, and his remarks were illustrated by demonstrations by members of the St. Andrew's Home, Westminster, and by pupils of the St. John's-road, Coburg-road, Curtain-road, and Lyndhurst-road Board Schools. Afterwards there was an exciting swimming match between F. H. Naylor (Grove S.C.), L. Klaftenberger (Cricketers' S.C.), and W. Bricket (York S.C.), which was won by inches only by the first-named. The distance was 200 yards, and the prize a gold medal.

YESTERDAY'S SPORTING

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CYCLING.

ANGLO-IRISH SPORTS AT COVENTRY.

Results:—

Half-Mile Amateur Handicap.—J. Appleby, Birmingham, 20 yards start, 1; S. Rollason, Coventry, 55, 2; H. Trickett, 50, 3. Won by half a yard. Time, 1min 5 1-5sec.

Five Miles Amateur Championship (Birmingham Centre).—E. H. Ainsworth, Coventry, 1; H. Large, Coventry, 2; W. P. Creasey, Coventry, 3. A fine race. In the last lap Ainsworth finished with a dashing sprint, and beat Large by 7 yards; close third. Time, 13min 57 3-5sec.

Hour Amateur Scratch Race (for Dunlop Challenge Cup, to be won twice. Holder, A. G. Wright, St. Albans).—A. G. Wright, 1; P. Bradstock, Anerley, 2; H. Koesner, Anerley, 3. At 5 miles E. H. Ainsworth, who was second, close behind Wright, fell, and the race was robbed of a deal of interest. At half distance Wright lapped Bradstock, and ultimately won by over half a mile. Koesner was three-quarters of a mile behind second man.

Mile Professional Handicap.—G. A. Patterson, London, 170 yards start, 1; J. Camp, Polytechnic, 60, 2; W. J. Goodwin, Coventry, 85, 3. Won easily, easing up, by 20 yards; good third.

Ten Miles Professional Scratch Race.—J. W. Stocks, Catford, 1; A. E. Walters, Polytechnic, 2; G. A. Paterson, North London, 3. Stocks went away from the start, and won by about 600 yards; third half mile behind Walters, who rode finely. Time, 23min 28 4-5sec.

Mile Amateur Scratch Race.—Appleby, 1; Large, 2; Rollason, 3. A foot separated the first 3 men. Time, 3min 7sec.

Team Race (England v. Australia).—England won by 9 points to 12.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLUB.

RECORDS BEATEN.

This club held a mixed meeting at the Wood Green track, in the presence of about 1,000 spectators. The feature of the meeting was the fine riding of R. Palmer, who won the Middlesex County Challenge Cup in amateur record time. Details:—

Ten Miles Scratch Race (Middlesex County Cup).—R. Palmer, Silverdale C.C., 1; F. Battersby, Tottenham C.C., 2; G. S. Francombe, Paddington, 3. The holder (W. H. Bardsley) led until 4 miles had been covered, when he was passed by Palmer, and retired. Palmer continued to forge ahead, and at 6 miles (time, 12 min. 14 sec.) had cut amateur record by 2 2-5 sec. Going well to the end, he beat Battersby by over 600 yards, in 20 min. 19 2-5 sec., as against F. D. Frost's previous best of 20 min. 32 sec.

One Mile Professional Handicap.—Final heat: H. B. Hoch, Catford C.C., 110yds, 1; F. Milsom, Bristol Jockeys, 100, 2; W. T. Hall, Polytechnic C.C., 110, 3. Won by half a yard; twice that distance between the next two. Time, 3 min. 1 sec.

S. J. Prevost v. 5 Miles Amateur Record.—Prevost did 10 min. 11 3-5 sec., as against L. Bathiat's record of 9 min. 49 2-5 sec.

James Green and H. B. Howard v. One Mile Tandem Record (standing start).—Green and Howard did 1 min. 52 1-5 sec., as against 1 min. 53 2-5 sec. by Barden and Pariby.

Two Miles Multicycle Handicap (Professionals).—Final heat: S. B. M'Gregor and G. A. Nelson, 300 yds, 1; H. B. Howard and Jimmy Green, 300, 2; G. H. Yates, J. Wilkins, D. R. Jenkins, and E. L. Winbolt, scratch, 3. The quad-machine went wrong, and the crew were consequently beaten off. Won by a yard. Time, 4 min. 3 1-5 sec.

TEN MILES N.C.U. (LONDON CENTRE) CHAMPIONSHIP.

A field of 13 competed in this event, decided on the Catford track. The lead was at first assumed by Burnand, Wheeler, however, soon forging to the front. Next Callaghan, well paced, came to the front, and secured a half-lap advantage. Callaghan, though, on the retirement of his pacers, was caught by Arbuthnot (piloted by a triplet), and a close race ensued to the finish, when the Polytechnic rider got away and won by 20 yards; a lap dividing second and third. Result: E. J. Callaghan, Polytechnic C.C., 1; M. Arbuthnot, Catford and Bath Road C.C., 2; H. Armstrong, Silverdale C.C., 3. Winner's time, 21min 57 2-5sec.

WRIDGWAY AND CHASE MATCHED.

A match has been arranged between A. A. Chase, the 100 kilometres world's champion, and C. G. Wridgway, holder of the Brighton and back record. The distance is 50 miles.

POLYTECHNIC CYCLING CLUB.

This club's run to Guildford was fairly well attended. The route taken was via Kingston and Ripley.

OTHER CLUB RUNS.

Other runs were:—Tottenham C.C. to Bexley Heath; Walthamstow Town C.C. to Roydon; New Carlton C.C. to Leatherhead; Vegetarian C.C. to Weybridge; Oakley Ramblers C.C. to King's Langley; Colville C.C. to Epping; Argyle C.C. to Cobham; Calthorpe C.C. to Egham; Pegasus C.C. to Chorley Wood; and Ariel C.C. to High Barnet.

ROWING.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final rowing of any real value prior to Monday's big race took place between Battersea and Chiswick, by Jem Stanbury, the Australian, and J. E. Gaudaur, the Canadian, who pull from Putney to Mortlake for £250, the championship of the world, and the challenge cup which it carries with it. Gaudaur, in company with "Wag" Harding, the ex-champion, beaten by Stanbury on July 13, did the lion's share of the work. They were afloat from Clasper's, at Putney, just after 10.30, and went to Battersea; from Wandsworth to Fulham they had a sharp spin, and then practising starts at Putney finished the before-dinner exercise. In the afternoon the pair took boat for Chiswick, but they contented themselves with a strong pull up and down, as there was a lot of craft about. Stanbury only had 1 outing. Two hours before high water, in the morning, he and Tom Sullivan had a quiet pull down from Hammersmith to Wandsworth, and then a half-racing speed turn home, and so satisfactory was the form displayed by the Australian that Sullivan thought an afternoon's rest for his charge would be to his advantage, and, consequently, he was not afloat again.

Both men are very well and confident.

The race will start at 1.30 sharp on Monday. Betting is at a complete standstill, but there is a "ton" of money for Stanbury at evens.

MAIDENHEAD RIVERSIDE CLUB REGATTA.

Held in stormy weather, the competitors being servants employed at the above club, the members of which had contributed £100 to a regatta fund. Results of finals:—

Double Punting.—J. Southby and E. Russell, 1; H. Sales and G. Bushall, 2; Wal Southby and A. Hance, 3. Won by 6 lengths.

Double Sculling.—E. Heathcote and G. Truss, 1; J. Southby and H. Winchester, 2; E. Russell and A. Austin, 3. Won by 3 lengths.

Single Punting.—J. Southby, 1; G. Truss, 2; Wal Southby, 3. Won by 4 lengths.

Dinghey Race.—J. Southby, 1; G. Truss, 2; A. Hance, 3. Won by half a length.

Dongola Race.—G. Truss, J. Southby, Wal Southby, E. Russell, A. Austin, and G. Winchester, 1; E. Heathcote, H. Sales, A. Hance, W. Brown, G. Bushall, and Wil Southby, 2. Won by half a length.

TEDDINGTON REACH AQUATIC SPORTS.

There was a good attendance at the aquatic sports in Teddington Reach. Results:—

Single Sculls.—Final heat: F. W. Duckett, 1; H. Harrison, 2. F. W. Lancefield gave up finding he was out-paced. A good race was won by 3 parts of a length.

Tub Race.—Final heat: H. Carr and J. P. Fricker beat S. B. Howard and W. Pope by 3 yards.

Lady and Gentlemen's Double Sculls.—Final heat: Miss Bogle and R. O. Atcherley, A. Maier (cox), 1; Miss Ross and W. Broughton, G. Cumming, 2. The winners sculled in perfect style, and won by over a length.

Dongolas.—Final heat: P. Corbett, T. Crosthwaite, J. A. Milner, F. Delavoye, T. P. Hardwicke, J. H. Hardwicke, 1; G. Fisher, R. Fisher, C. Fisher, H. Fisher, W. F. Folliott, F. W. Stone, 2; H. de la Chaumette, T. H. L. Stocken, Lemarchand, W. Stocken, F. W. Duckett, H. Carr, disq. This race was paddled twice owing to Carr interfering with Stone the first time, but on both occasions Hardwicke finished first.

Veterans' Double Sculls.—Final heat: C. F. Munro and C. E. Brown, Miss Dening (cox), skiff boat, lose start, 1; C. W. Hughes and F. E. Whitehurst, Miss Hemingway (cox), 2. There was too much grit in the winning boat, and they won by 3 lengths.

Veterans' Double Sculls.—Final heat: C. F. Munro and C. E. Brown, Miss Dening (cox) 1; C. W. Hughes and F. E. Whitehurst, Miss Hemingway (cox), 2. Won very easily.

Tug-of-War.—Final heat: Evelyn R.C., 1; Island Camp Crew, 2. Won very easily.

MR. J. BEALE'S SCULLING HANDICAP.

This £25 half-mile rum-tum handicap was concluded at Hammersmith. Eleven men had been left in the third round, set in four heats, and these were won by J. Biffen, 25sec.; H. Paul, 27; H. Monckton, 23; and F. Perry, 23. In the first heat of the semi-final, Perry beat Monckton, and in the second Paul beat Biffen. Paul and Perry thus met in the final, and Paul won by four lengths, while for third and fourth prizes Biffen beat Monckton by a length and a half.

IRIS R.C. REGATTA.

This meeting was a success at Putney, four crews contending in two heats and a final from Crab Tree to Putney on the ebb. The final finished in favour of May, Adams, Buller, Wand, Winney, Thomas, Finch, Lane (stroke), Cumley (cox), from Lawrence, L. Mundige, Dickinson, Jones, Fraser, F. Cass, Jordan, H. W. Fisher (stroke), F. Staples (cox) by a few feet only.

GREAT WESTERN R.C. (CLERKS) B.C.

The autumn eights were pulled from the Pumping Station at Chiswick to Hammersmith Bridge, two crews stroked respectively by C. J. Davies and G. C. Bayley competing. After an accident, a re-start, and an unsatisfactory finish, the crews agreed to row again in the week.

NATIONAL AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION.—The concluding stages of this association's light fours were rowed off in the Lea, the final being secured by E. Clayton, A. Stratford, M. Thornhill, J. Street (stroke), who won by a quarter of a length from S. Cox, D. Howard, G. Baker, C. Smith (stroke).

CITY OF LONDON R. AND A. CLUB.—Some close racing was witnessed in this club's Light Fours on the Lea, W. Norgate, H. Seward, J. Sampson, and J. Gillett (stroke) winning the final by 2 lengths from F. Collins, J. Noble, D. Dennison, and T. Goodwin (stroke).

ROTHERHITHE INVICTA R.C.—A four-oared race by members of this down-river club took place from opposite Globe Pier to Corbett's Boat Raft, Greenwich. Result: J. Gilpin, A. Baker, H. Teales, R. Moss (stroke), J. Duckworth (cox), 1; J. Oastler, H. Nelson, C. Cooper, J. Broaden (stroke), A. Jones (cox), 2; W. Gwynn, A. Cornish, J. Gardiner, J. Andrews (stroke), E. Cornish (cox), 3. Won by 3 lengths; 4 dividing second and third.

ROTHERHITHE GASWORKS R.C.—The four-oared race by members of this club took place from Tower Bridge to Limehouse Pier. Result: W. Bogwell, C. Bunyan, W. Delamore, B. Dauk (stroke), J. Smith (cox), 1; F. Johnson, J. Goldsmith, R. Aldridge, D. Sach (stroke), G. Carter (cox), 2; H. Mansell, H. Page, H. Brown, B. Hillman (stroke), D. Hussey (cox), 3; W. Mauser, P. Neil, A. Stokes, J. Clarkson (stroke), a Skeggs (cox). Won by 2 lengths; same between second and third.

RED LEAF R.C.—This Deptford club decided a four-oared race from Limehouse Pier to Corbett's Boat Raft, Greenwich. Result:—J. Harrild, T. Howick, L. Harrild, H. Tatham (stroke), A. Stern (cox), 1; T. Watts, R. Merrott, G. Frost, A. Meech (stroke), C. Frost (cox), 2; G. Merrott, J. Harrild, H. Harrild, F. Ramsey (stroke), J. Harrild (cox), 3. Won by a length; 3 lengths between second and third.

ST. ANNE'S R.C.—The second round and final heats of the Sculling Handicap of this club were decided. The following won their heats: T. Hoborafft, 17sec, E. Winholt, 30sec, W. Dawson, 2sec, F. Dawson, scratch. Final heat: F. Dawson, 1; T. Hoborafft, 2; W. Dawson, 3; E. Winholt, 4. Won by 2 lengths; 3 lengths between second and third.

GOLDSMITHS' INSTITUTE R.C.—A Sealed Sculling Handicap by members of this club took place from Millwall Dock to Corbett's Boat Raft, Greenwich. Result:—P. Ingleiath, 20sec, 1; W. H. Green, scratch, 2; H. Thomson, 30, 3; P. Clark, 42, 4; J. Hamilton, 42, 5. Won by 6sec.

Double Sculling Consolation Race was won by W. Haliford and W. Harris.

ATHLETICS.

26th MIDDLESEX (CYCLIST) R.V. SPORTS

At "Uniquia" Grounds, Kensal Rise. Details of the principal events are as follows:—

Ten Miles Championship of Regiment (drill order, with rifles).—Cyclist J. Collins, 1; Lance-corpl. — T. Hickman, 2; Cyclist A. E. Manning, 3. Collins went away from the start, and ultimately won by over three-quarters of a mile, in 29min 19 2-5sec. Ten yards divided second and third. No other got inside the standard of 30min.

One Mile Roadster Handicap (over 30lb.).—Sergt. Robinson, 70 yards start, 1; Lance-sergt. R. Harvey, scratch, 2; Corpl. C. Walton, 50, 3. This was the order at the bell, Robinson winning by 3 yards; 1 yard separates second and third. Time, 2min 50sec.

Quarter-mile Infantry Obstacle Team Race. Conditions included volley-firing at kneeling, lying, and standing, surmounting usual obstacles, and charging home.—Won by 4th V.B. East Surrey Regiment. Time, 2min 45sec. Also competed: 26 Middlesex (Cyclist) R.V., 17th North Middlesex R.V.

Half-mile Scratch Bicycle Race.—Cyclist J. Collin, 1; Lance-sergt. Rule, 2; Sergt. Harris, 3. Won by 30 yards; 5 yards between second and third. Time, 1min 10 3-5sec.

One Mile Military Cyclists' Obstacle Handicap.—Cyclist F. Muncey, 4th V.B. (Queen's) R.W.S., 15sec start, 1; Cyclist J. Collins, 26th Middlesex R.V., scratch, 2; Lance-corpl. Paul, 4th V.B. (Queen's) R.W.S., scratch, 3. A fine race; won by 1 yard. Time, 4min 56 4-5sec.

150 Yards (cyclists v. runners).—Final heat: Lance-sergt. Rule (cyclist) beat Lance-corpl. Hyatt (runner) by 5 yards. Time, 15 2-5sec.

Tent-Pegging (on cycles).—Pte. W. Newland, V.M.S.C., 10 points, 1; Cyclist Collins, 26th Middlesex R.V., 2; Lance-sergt. Rule, 26th Middlesex R.V., 7, 3.

Quarter-mile Handicap (riding backwards).—Lance-sergt. Rule, scratch, 1; Sergt. Harris, scratch, 2. Won easily. Time, 1min 54 2-5sec.

Lemon Cutting.—Sergt. W. Harris, 26th Middlesex, 19 points, 1; Lance-sergt. Rule, 26th Middlesex, 14, 2; Pte. Newland, V.M.S.C., was third.

Tilting at the Ring.—Lance-corpl. Oldridge, V.M.S.C., 18 points, 1; Bugler Smale, 26th Middlesex R.V., 17, 2; Sergt. W. Harris, 26 Middlesex R.V., 10, 3.

Heads and Posts.—Bugler Douch, E. Surrey, †; Corpl. King, 4th East Surrey, †; Lance-sergt. Harvey, 26th Middlesex R.V., †.

Officials:—Judges, Lieut.-col. Savage (late R.I. Regiment), Maj. Lloyd (Grenadier Guards), Maj.-comdt. C. E. Liles (26th Middlesex, Cyclist, R.V.); timekeeper, Lieut. H. J. Swindley (26th Middlesex R.V. and N.C.U.); starter, Sergt.-maj. Senior (26th Middlesex).

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC CONTEST.

RECORDS BEATEN.

G. H. Johnstone, Scotch champion, and Gideon Perrie, American champion, met in an athletic contest at Pitlochry. The world's professional record for putting the 16lb. shot was broken, as well as the world's professional and amateur records for putting the 22lb. shot and throwing the 22lb hammer. The events were:

Putting 16lb Shot.—Johnstone, 42ft 5in; Perrie, 40ft 8in.

Throwing 22lb Shot.—Perrie, 37ft 5in; Johnstone, 36ft 11in.

Throwing 16lb Hammer.—Johnstone, 116ft 6in; Perrie, 113ft 8in.

Throwing 22lb Hammer.—Johnstone, 92ft 2in; Perrie, 90ft 11in.

Throwing the 56lb Weight (1 hand, 1 turn).—Perrie, 28ft 11in; Johnstone, 27ft 1in.

Wrestling (Cumberland style).—Johnstone, 2 throws; (Græco-Roman), Perrie, 3 throws.

R.A.O.B. SPORTS.

At Wembley Park, with the following results:—

100 Yards Open Handicap.—H. W. Longley, 5½ yds, 1; W. J. King, 8, 2; F. W. Proctor, 11½, 3. Won by a yard.

Quarter-mile Open Handicap.—G. Bike, 26, 1; H. W. White, 20, 2; C. H. Hersant, 26, 3. Won by a foot. Time, 56 sec.

Half-mile Open Handicap.—A. E. Relf, scratch, 1; A. E. Pittaway, 46, 2; A. Robb, 65, 3. Won easily. Time, 2 min. 6 4-5 sec.

Mile Open Handicap.—A. Pittaway, 80, 1; S. Morgan, 120, 2; W. Smith, 135, 3. Won easily. Time, 4 min. 53 sec.

220 Yards Handicap (Buffs).—A. Crick, 12, 1; A. A. North, 60, 2; C. W. Bayman, 12, 3. Won easily.

Several minor events concluded the programme.

YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

Marlborough-street.

A BAD YOUTH.

Charles Guthrie, 17, Midway-st., Westminster, was charged with stealing 3 gold rings, worth £4, belonging to Thirza Anstey, of 38, Piccadilly.—Prisoner was employed on the premises as porter, and it was alleged that he stole rings from a wash-stand in the prosecutrix's bed-room. One of the rings was found on the roof. —Prisoner admitted having stolen them, and stated that he sold the other 2 to a 'bus conductor for 1s. 6d.—The father of the lad had taken him to the spot where he stated he had seen the 'bus conductor to whom he disposed of the rings. After waiting nearly the whole day, the lad picked out a conductor as the man.—Samuel Self, the conductor in question, now appeared, and stated upon oath that he had never seen the youth before the previous day, and knew nothing whatever about the rings. The lad's story that witness had bought the rings was an absolute fabrication.—Prisoner pleaded guilty. —One month, the conductor being allowed his day's expenses from the poor-box.

STOCKBROKER AND HIS CLIENT.

William Whiteman, 33, stockbroker, was charged on remand with stealing a cheque for £200, entrusted to him by William Samuel Eadson, commercial traveller in the employment of Messrs. Mappin and Webb, Oxford-st., and living at Ramsden-rd., Balham.—The case has already been reported.—Prosecutor said he had known prisoner for several years as a stockbroker at Bradford and Huddersfield. On July 29, 1895, he sent Whiteman a cheque for £200, and instructed him to purchase with it Brazilian Bonds and other shares. The cheque was paid through his bank in the usual way, but every application to the prisoner for a contract note for the shares in question proved futile. He saw nothing Whiteman until Aug. 28, when he met him outside Messrs. Mappin and Webb's premises. Whiteman said he had come to make "some arrangement," and when asked what he meant replied that he would insure his life in his (Eadson's) favour. Having already instructed his solicitor in the matter, he called a policeman and gave Whiteman into custody.—Evidence was now given, showing that the shares in question had not been applied for on behalf of the prosecutor.—Prisoner, in defence, said that he had given Mr. Eadson a copy of the contract note, which was quite as binding as the original, and the securities would have been sent him but for his failure in business. The cheque was used in the ordinary business way, and not for his own personal benefit.—Formally remanded, prior to committal for trial.

A VIOLENT FELLOW.

Henry Harrington, 32, labourer, was charged with being drunk and disorderly, with assaulting the police, and damaging the uniform of P.C. Street, 29 C R.—The latter deposed that at about midnight he saw prisoner drunk and behaving in a disorderly way in Piccadilly Circus. His language was very bad, and a large crowd collected. Witness told him to go away, but he refused and became abusive, adding that if he had a bar of iron, like he had on the previous night, he would "lay him out" on the pavement. With the aid of several other constables, he was taken to the station, not before, however, he had violently assaulted him (29 C R) by striking him in the face and kicking him on the leg, and 352 C by striking him a blow in the face. At the station, in front of the inspector on duty, he struck witness again in the face. The inspector ordered him to be handcuffed, and his boots to be removed. This done, it took 4 constables to get him to the cells.—Sergt. Brewer, the gaoler, said he had known prisoner for several years as a newspaper seller. He was a most violent fellow when drunk. He mentioned 7 charges against him for assaulting the police and several for drunkenness and begging.—2 months' hard labour for the assault on P.C. 29 C R, 14 days for the assault on P.C. 352 C, and a further week for damage to the constable's uniform.

Westminster.

A LEAP OVER CHELSEA EMBANKMENT.

Martha Howe, of Old Pye-st., Westminster, was charged on remand with attempted suicide.—Early on the morning of Aug. 29 groans were heard by P.C. 374 B apparently proceeding from some one in the river near Chelsea Bridge. He went to the spot and found prisoner on the foreshore. The constable subsequently ascertained that prisoner had been quarrelling with a man with whom she had been living, and in a fit of temper and jealousy she threw herself over the embankment. The tide was out at the time, and she alighted on the soft mud, and, although she fell a distance of 25ft., the only injury she sustained was a sprained ankle.—Henry Ashby said prisoner was with him on the morning in question, and they had some words as to his relations with another young woman during prisoner's absence. To their astonishment, they were suddenly joined by the woman of whom they were speaking. A scuffle between the women followed. Witness separated them, and suddenly prisoner rushed off down the embankment. He followed, but lost sight of her, and next heard her cries from the foreshore of the river. He did not go down to her, as he was afaid the police might accuse him of foul play.—Bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

DILUTING BEER.

George Benjamin Fielder, of the Black Horse, York-st., Westminster, was summoned for diluting beer.—Mr. Hawkins, who prosecuted, said 2 samples of ale were taken on June 10, and both were found diluted, in the 1 case to the extent of nearly 2 gallons and in the other to 3½ gallons to the 36-gallon barrel.—Fined £15, including costs.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Thomas Shillito, 44, of Manor-st., Chelsea, was charged on remand with assaulting his wife Martha.—Prosecutrix, who has supported herself for years, entered the witness-box with a terrible black eye. She stated that she had been married to prisoner for 20 years, and for some time he had done no regular work. On the 27th ult. he knocked her down and she became insensible in consequence. Prisoner had threatened her with a razor and made her life unbearable for years.—Corroborative evidence having been given by a neighbour, Mr. De Rutzen inflicted a fine of £6, or 7 days' imprisonment.—Subsequently his worship granted the wife a judicial separation.

West London.

ALLEGED PERJURY BY A P.C.

Mr. C. Holt, Seymour-pl., applied for a summons against P.C. Downie, 228 F, for perjury, alleged to have been committed in that court when a man named Alfred Thompson was sent for trial for burglary in Ladbroke Gardens, Notting Hill. Thompson was committed to the Old Bailey on Dec. 16 last, but the bill was thrown out by the grand jury. Mr. Holt said Thompson was unable to take any steps to vindicate his character until after Millson's confession that he committed the burglary that appeared in the papers. The perjury relied on was that part of the constable's evidence that at the time of identification prisoner said to the manager of a public-house in Portobello-rd., "You never served me with any rum." The constable swore that nothing was said about rum previously. —The manager was called in the second examination to supply the missing link, and he stated to the best of his belief he served Thompson, who was with another man, with half a quarter of rum on the night of the burglary. He (Mr. Holt) had 4 witnesses who were present at the identification to prove that the constable asked the manager, "Can you pick out the man you served with half a quarter of rum?" The manager, who had since died, then picked out Thompson.—Mr. Rose said he would look through the papers and consider the application.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED BLACKMAILING.

Alfred Stephen Field, described as a draper's assistant, was charged with demanding money by menaces from Eliza Corri, keeper of a boot-shop in Gardner's-lane, Putney.—The evidence of the prosecutrix went to prove that she was separated under a deed of settlement from her husband, who allowed her £1 a week. About 4 months ago prisoner, whom she had known 10 or 11 months, represented that he was coming into a considerable sum in September and offered to purchase the business. It was arranged that she should teach him the business, and on that understanding he visited the shop and took part in what went on. He borrowed money from her to the extent of about £20, promising to repay it in September. After a time he made improper suggestions, but she declined to listen to them. He then commenced a course of threats, declaring that unless she gave him £1 a week he would expose her to the world and tell her husband that she had lived with him. On Aug. 19 she turned him out of the house, and afterwards received 8 communications from him.—Prisoner cross-examined prosecutrix at some length, but she denied positively that there had been any cohabitation with him.—Prosecutrix then fainted in the box and had to be carried out of court.—After a time she returned, and prisoner said he was sorry for writing the letters, but they were not intended to mean what was implied. He called Elizabeth Ward, widow, Harwood-rd., who stated that prisoner brought prosecutrix to her house. She was taken ill, and witness asked her to remain. The witness addressed the prisoner, saying, "You are a wicked man; you said you would ruin her and ruin me." —Committed for trial.

Thames.

THE £428 FINE.

With reference to the case of Robert and Charlotte Pfietschner, who, on Friday, were fined £428 for retailing exciseable liquors without having a license, Sergt. F. King, chief warrant officer, now reported that he had examined the goods at defendant's house, in Burdett-rd., Limehouse. He found there was sufficient to pay one fine of £20 in the case of the male defendant. On going to the house he found the door leading to the bar open, and 2 men were drinking malt liquor. A daughter of defendant's was behind the bar.—Mr. Dennis, on behalf of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, asked for the committal of the defendants in all the charges, with the exception of the £20 fine.—Mr. Dickinson ordered the committals.—Sergt. King added that he thought it right to say, after Det.-insp. Llewellyn had cautioned the young woman, that she stated she would desist from selling.—Mr. Dickinson was glad to hear that, as it might obviate the necessity of any further proceedings, but it was just as well the police should understand the position of things. For selling liquor without a license a person was liable to a £50 penalty.—An account of the earlier proceedings will be found on another page.

STABBING AFFRAY.

Maurice Shehan, coal porter, was charged with stabbing Alfred Brian, another coal porter.—Prosecutor said that yesterday morning he was in the Royal Duke public-house after having worked all the previous night. Shehan came in and struck Brian on the back. Prisoner's wife got him out of the house, but he afterwards returned with an open knife and stabbed him on the back of the ear. Witness was cut, and had to have the wound dressed. After he was stabbed the accused said, "I've done it." They had both been drinking. When Shehan first struck him he returned the blow.—Committed for trial.

LABOURER AND THE SERVANT.

George Cook, 18, labourer, of Dank-st., Spitalfields, was charged with assaulting Myra Griffin, a servant.—Prosecutrix, who was deaf, said on Wednesday, while going on an errand in James-st., prisoner acted improperly towards her. He afterwards struck her a blow in the face and ran away. Two other young men also assisted in holding her.—Cook: Please, sir, it wasn't me. She kicked a boy on the leg and then blamed it on me.—Prosecutrix: It's no good your denying it. You have done it 2 or 3 times before.—Remanded.

Clerkenwell.

CHARGE AGAINST A FATHER.

George Coe, 46, of 4, Sidney Grove, Goswell-rd., described as an agent, and said to be of strongly-professed religious tendencies and a shining light at a neighbouring chapel, was charged with an attempted criminal assault on his daughter Esther, aged 14.—The proceedings were instituted by the N.S.P.C.C., and the evidence disclosed a horrible story.—The girl deposed that while in her bed-room her father entered and caught hold of her, saying, "Just this once." She knew perfectly well what he meant, as he had frequently assaulted her before. She told her sister Margaret, to whom she had complained of her father's conduct as long ago as last Easter, and it had frequently occurred since.—The girl Margaret, aged 16, admitted that her father had continually acted in a similar manner with her for a long time past. When Esther told her last time she complained to her Sunday school teacher.—Mr. Bros: Why did you not complain before?—Witness: My father always told me not to tell. —Mr. Bros: What, about what he had done to you?—Witness: Yes, sir. He told me not to say anything to anybody, and not to let my mother know. (It should be mentioned that the mother was in court nursing a baby only 3 weeks old.)—Mr. Bros: What made you complain on this occasion and never before with regard to yourself or what your sister had told you?—Witness (hesitatingly): I really can't say, sir.—Evidence as to the information being conveyed to the police and the arrest of the prisoner having been given, Mr. Bros remanded him, refusing bail.—It was alleged against the prisoner that he had also treated his eldest daughter, Ethel, aged 20, in a similar manner, but that she had absolutely refused to come forward and give evidence.

ANOTHER BRANCH OF INDUSTRY.

Henri Van Elshout, 29, clerk, King Edward-st., Islington, was charged with being a suspected person attempting to pick pockets at Chapel-st., Clerkenwell.—Det.-sergt. Smith, N Division, said shortly after 9 on Friday evening he and Det. Dyke saw prisoner walk up to a woman who was standing at a costermonger's stall and attempt to pick her pocket. The woman was carrying her purse in her hand. Elshout continued to loiter along Chapel-st., and, according to the evidence of the police officer, he endeavoured to pick the pockets of 3 other women. When arrested the prisoner made an attempt to get away.—Det.-sergt. Smith said on 3 different days during August he had watched prisoner. The latter was said to have a wife and 12 children and to be employed as a clerk in Fenchurch-st.—Remanded.

Worship-street.

AT THE PARAGON.

William Watkinson, an extra attendant at the Paragon Music Hall, was summoned for assault.—Mr. Myers, solicitor, for compainant, said the latter was a lad who, on Aug. 21, visited the Paragon, and when sitting in a seat in the balcony, was called out by a waiter, who said 2 detectives were waiting for him. On going to the upper part of the balcony the boy was confronted with defendant who accused him of having picked a lady's pocket of her purse. He denied it, but defendant ordered him out, seized him by one arm, and, with another attendant, dragged him down the stairs to the entrance, striking him with his fist as he went. That was the assault complained of, but the accusation of being a thief was the serious part of the matter, particularly as defendant had, the prosecutor said, repeated the charge the next night, when the management of the place was called on for an explanation.—Complainant gave evidence bearing out the statement of his solicitor, and, in cross-examination, denied that when entering the music hall he was accused by a lady of picking her pocket, or that he picked up a purse and handed it to a lady at the pay place, or that any lady was asked to charge him. He declared that no incident of the kind took place, and further said that when called out he did not say he had "never faked a poke" in his life.—For the defence, evidence was called to show that the incident at the pay-box did take place with the lad, that he escaped into the hall and mingled with the audience, and that when called out and ordered to leave the hall nobody touched him, but he walked downstairs quietly.—Mr. Cluer thought the lad had cleared his character of the imputation of being a thief, but he doubted if there had been any assault.—Summons dismissed.

AN EXPENSIVE HOLIDAY.

Edward Fredk. Trevelyan, 42, glazier, was charged with being concerned in stealing a sum of £10, the monies of Joseph Dench.—The case was begun before the court on Monday last, when the prosecutor, a sawdust dealer, said that he had £15 in a drawer in his room at the house, 18, Craven-st., Hoxton. He took out £5 for "a day's holiday with some girls," and left the £10 safe, but on returning, at night, found his room had been entered and the money stolen. The prisoner was a lodger in the house, and absconded. He was only apprehended on his return 3 weeks later. There was evidence that he was seen at the door of the room.—Committed for trial.

Stratford.

FAMILIES DESERTED.

Stephen Large, 38, labourer, of Union-rd., Stratford, was charged with neglecting his wife and 3 children.—Prisoner, it was stated, left his children at Chelmsford in February, 1892, and they were taken to the Romford Workhouse. Accused was arrested at Stratford on a warrant issued in April, 1894.—3 months' with hard labour.——William Want, 31, labourer, was charged with neglecting his wife and 1 child.—Prisoner was charged with an offence of the same kind 12 months ago, and settled the matter with the West Ham guardians. Last month he again left home. When arrested he told Warrant-officer Crabb he had been asked to go in the country, and after some persuasion went.—1 month, with hard labour.

West Ham.

STONE-THROWING AT TRAINS.

Two lads, named John Huckle, of Aldworth-rd., Stratford, and Edgar Barrett, of Wellington-rd., Forest Gate, were summoned for throwing stones at passenger trains at Forest Gate on the evening of July 27. — Det.-sergt. Eustace saw defendants on the Norwich-rd. footbridge, Forest Gate. Huckle threw a stone at a telegraph wire and then 1 at a passing passenger train. He afterwards threw 2 stones at another train, 1 of which hit the engine. Det. Gally then came up, and the lads left the bridge, but returned after picking up other stones. Barrett then threw 3 stones at an up-train, and Huckle also threw 3.—Insp. Roberts said no damage had been traced as a consequence of the offence, but complaints were daily received from this particular neighbourhood.—Fined 20s., including costs, or 14 days.

South-Western.

MAGISTRATE AND THE MISSIONARY.

Jack Cane, 40, bricklayer, of Edmund-st., Wandsworth, was charged on remand with stealing a gallon of Burton ale from the Plough public-house, St. John's Hill. Prisoner was employed at the house and drew the beer from a cask in the cellar. —The magistrate inquired about the man's antecedents.—P.C. Bateman informed his worship that prisoner had not been convicted of felony for 10 years. Here Warder Hand, from Wandsworth Prison, interrupted the officer, and began to recite to the magistrate a list of the prisoner's convictions, beginning in 1874 and going down to 1884.—Mr. Lane: Yes, I know, and apparently for 12 years he has been honest.—Mr. Stone, who is engaged in missionary work at Ironmill-pl., stated that he had known the prisoner for 2 years as an honest, hard-working man. Unfortunately he had broken the pledge recently, and that caused his present trouble. Witness concluded by saying, "I am astonished and sorry that a Wandsworth magistrate should have remanded in custody a man who had borne a good character for 2 years."—Mr. Lane (severely): How was the magistrate to know about his character unless he remanded him. You are exceeding your province, sir, and becoming impertinent. Stand down.—Assistant-gaoler Nolan also stated that, away from the drink, the prisoner was a hard-working, honest man.—Mr. Lane agreed to release the man on a surety, and Mr. E. R. Mansell manager to the proprietors of the public-house, stated that under the circumstances he would be very pleased to offer himself as surety. — The magistrate thanked him for his offer, and discharged prisoner, who then took the pledge.

SHOCKING CASES OF STARVATION.

Catherine Farley, 68, was charged on remand with wilfully exposing Florrie Smith, aged 1 year 9 months, her daughter's child, to the danger of her health. The woman was found lying on a door-step half drunk early in the morning by P.C. Skeats, with the child beside her. —Dr. Kempster said the child had received permanent injury to health through neglect and exposure. It was covered with vermin and half starved.—Mrs. Everdell, the matron at the infirmary, said she had never seen a worse case of neglect. —Charles Ross, an inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., stated that he had previously cautioned the woman and advised her to take the child to the workhouse, since the mother, who was in service, could not look after it.—Prisoner, in defence, said she did everything she could for the "dear little one"—1 month's hard labour.

Charles Ross brought 5 children, aged 13, 11, 8, 5, and 2½ years respectively, belonging to a widow named Guthzeit, living in Battersea Park-rd., to ask the magistrate to make an order for their detention by the society prior to their removal to some shelter. He stated that he and Insp. Harris visited the house and found the family occupying one room. There was not a particle of food in the room, and the children were barely clothed in rags.—The mother refused to take them to the workhouse.—Mr. Lane made the order.

CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

Charles Cook, 36, a bricklayer, of Barmore-st., Battersea, surrendered to his recognisances to answer an adjourned summons charging him with unlawfully taking Beatrice Louisa Green, under 16, from the control of her aunt and guardian, Mrs. Green, wife of the landlord of the Lord Elcho public-house, York-rd., Battersea. It was alleged that the prisoner persuaded the girl to leave, and then, although himself living with another woman, found lodgings for the girl and kept her away from her aunt.—Accused asserted that the girl left without his knowledge, and that out of charity he found lodgings for her. The girl herself said she left the house voluntarily because her aunt was cruel to her, an accusation which Mrs. Green denied.—The magistrate asked whether the girl had returned to her aunt's house.—Mrs. Green: She is staying with her own aunt till she gets a situation.—Mr. Lane: Very well, under those circumstances, and without saying anything more on the subject, I shall discharge the defendant.

Southwark.

ARMED THIEVES.

George Pope, 17, box-maker, Essex-st., Kingsland-rd., and Chas. Patch, 20, type-founder, Guinness's Buildings, Hackney-rd., were charged with being concerned together in stealing a watch, value 15s., from the person of Frederick Woolls, clerk, Asylum-rd., Peckham.—Prosecutor stated that about 2.15 that afternoon he was in Blackfriars-rd. when 2 detectives spoke to him and he found he had lost his watch. He identified that produced as his property.—Det.-sergt. Brogden, L Division, stated that, in company with Det.-sergt. Gray, he noticed the 2 prisoners standing near a man who was selling grapes. Prosecutor came up, and the 2 prisoners closed upon him. Patch put his hand in the prosecutor's pocket and passed something to Pope. Witness caught hold of Pope and said, "Let's have that watch." Pope said, "You have made a mistake," and dropped the watch on the pavement. On searching him at the station, a revolver and 54 cartridges were found in his pocket.—Pope: It's only a toy pistol which Patch bought on Monday; I was minding it for him."—Det.-sergt. Brogden produced the weapon. It had been tried since the prisoners were in custody, and it sent a bullet half an inch into a deal plank.—Remanded.

Lambeth.

STEALING A PONY AND TRAP.

Frederick Smith, 19, costermonger, of no fixed abode, was charged on remand with stealing a pony and cart, value £15, the property of a showman named Jesse William Ponting, from outside 79, Lambeth Walk.—Det.-sergt. Cox informed his worship that the prisoner had never been charged before, but a former employer gave him a very indifferent character.—4 months' hard labour.

CHARGE OF DESERTION.

Geo. Rodd, 32, timber bender, of Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, was charged on a warrant with neglecting to maintain his wife and 5 children, whereby they had become chargeable to the parish of Lambeth.—Thomas Taverner, general relieving officer, said the defendant's family had been chargeable to the parish since April 8. Prisoner was in employment, and well able to maintain his wife and children. The guardians had had a great deal of trouble with the accused, whose family had been chargeable on previous occasions.—Prisoner: Did my wife say that I had deserted her?—Witness: No.—Mr. Denman: I don't know that that matters. —Prisoner declared that whilst he was ill his wife left him. When he recovered, he endeavoured to find her, but failed.—Mr. Denman: There has been no actual notice to him. — Mr. Taverner: No, sir; we didn't know where he was.—Remanded.

SCHOOLMASTER CHARGED.

Thomas Merrett, 44, schoolmaster, was charged with begging by means of a letter. —P.C. 56 L said he was called by the caretaker of the Lollard-st. Board School, who told him that a man had forced his way into the school. Upon going there witness found the prisoner in an upstairs class-room. He had the letter produced in his hand, and a school teacher had just given him 6d. Witness told the accused he should charge him with begging by means of a letter. He replied, "I am very sorry; I didn't know it was wrong." The prisoner had apparently been in the habit of going from school to school, for upon searching him witness found 2 lists of amounts which he had received. He had 4s. 7d. upon him.—Mr. Denman: Do you know as a fact that he is a certificated teacher?—The Constable: I don't know that. I have letters here to the effect that he was employed for a day or two at one or two schools.—Mr. Denman: I will have inquiries made as to what his connection with the School Board has been. —Remanded.

Croydon.

ALLEGED BRAWLING IN CHURCH.

Frances Anne Goldfinch, said to be of independent means, was summoned for being guilty of riotous, violent, and indecent behaviour, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Croydon, during Divine service.—Defendant, some 18 months since, was summoned for persistently annoying Mr. Hill, one of the curates of the church, by writing him letters and knocking at the door of his residence. On that occasion the evidence showed that she had frequently annoyed Mr. Hill by calling at his house at all hours of the day and ringing the bell and knocking at the door for hours at a time, the annoyance being such that the rev. gentleman's solicitor stated in opening the case that his client's life had been made a perfect misery to him by the defendant. Miss Goldfinch then gave an undertaking not to repeat the annoyance, and was accordingly bound over to keep the peace.—The Rev. S. H. W. Hughes-Games, one of the curates, stated that on the morning of Aug. 27 he was taking the 10 o'clock service. Defendant attended the church, and while he was reading the Confession and Absolution he had to stop twice in consequence of her speaking. She was sitting alone in the chancel, and talked incessantly, although not in sufficiently audible voice to enable him to distinguish the words. He told her that if she continued to talk he would at once send for a policeman, as it was almost impossible to carry on the service at all. She replied that he wanted to have her excommunicated.—Defendant: During the time of the service I repeated the responses to myself as far as the Lord's Prayer, and when Mr. Hughes-Games commenced to repeat the words, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us," I said, "No, as you do." I only repeated it and put stress upon it. Then I said no more until the Belief was reached, and then at the words, "Resurrection of the body and life everlasting," Mr. Hughes-Games crossed himself, and I said, "That won't save you." If I said more, for the life of me I would not deny it.—Mr. Houlder, one of the churchwardens, said this was not an isolated instance against defendant. It had been a cause of annoyance to the congregation for 18 months, and after consultation with the vicar the churchwardens had come to the conclusion that steps must be taken to ensure an abatement of the nuisance. The vicar was away, or he would have been in court himself. He (Mr. Houlder) had written to him, and he would read the reply, because it would bear out what he had said with regard to the annoyance. The vicar (the Rev. H. H. Pereira) wrote: —"I am most grateful to you for the action you are taking. The nuisance has been so excessive and so prolonged, and has been the cause of such scandal and offence to many, that I sincerely hope it may be dealt with in such a manner as to prevent its recurrence."—Remanded.

HER 78th APPEARANCE.

Mary Ward, of Mitcham, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and using bad language.—P.C. 277 W described prisoner's conduct, and said he had to get the ambulance before she would go to the police station.—Prisoner said she knew nothing about it. She came out of gaol on Thursday, and had been drinking ever since. She was always being interfered with. She supposed they wanted to murder her and be done with it. She was "sick of going down that black cell."—The chairman said he understood the prisoner had been convicted 77 times.—1 month.

YESTERDAY'S INQUESTS.

KNOCKED DOWN IN THE ROAD.

Mr. Oswald held an inquest on James Pearce, 72, a "faker," of Cardross-st., Hammersmith.—Sarah Hill, of Cardross-st., said deceased (her father) was quite well when he went out on Thursday. He had been very deaf, however, for some years, and this preventing him getting employment, he went out "foraging" for wood and coal in the streets. Later in the day she heard he was in the hospital, and found him there quite sensible. He complained of feeling very ill, and said he had been knocked down and run over by a butcher's cart, and that his legs were injured. He died soon after.—Thos. Hartley, commission agent, Studland-st., Hammersmith, deposed that on the morning in question he was standing outside the Hop Poles in King-st., Hammersmith, when he saw deceased standing in the road looking towards a tramcar. A butcher's cart was coming in the opposite direction, and the driver shouted out, but deceased took no notice. Suddenly the old man stepped backwards and was knocked down by the shaft of the cart, the wheels passing over his legs. The cart was only going at a slow trot.—Dr. Wilmer, West London Hospital, said deceased only had a slight bruise on the forehead and knee. There were no fractures, and death was due to heart failure from the shock of being knocked down.—Accidental death.

FATAL CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.

Mr. Braxton Hicks held an inquest on Henry Geo. Appleby, mantle manufacturer, of Croydon and London. — The widow deposed that deceased, accompanied by their little son, aged 3, and a man named Halliday, left Croydon for London on Thursday afternoon, deceased driving a young Canadian horse.—James Halliday, porter in deceased's service, said all went well until, on the return journey, the horse grew restive at the noise caused by one of the cable trams. He jumped out and tried to hold its head, but it reared, and Mr. Appleby came to his assistance. In the struggle the latter was crushed against a brick wall and finally knocked under the horse's feet, the trap passing over him. When picked up he was quite dead. The little boy was unhurt, having been strapped in to the trap.—This evidence was corroborated by other witnesses, and Dr. Scott said death was due injuries to the brain and spinal cord.—Accidental death.

KILLED BY DRINK.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on John Hastings Farrow, 30, farrier, Pruson-st., St. George's, E.—The mother deposed that deceased was a very intemperate man. She carried on the veterinary surgeon's business of her late husband, and employed him as farrier until his conduct became so bad that she had to discharge him. He could earn over £2 a week, but the drink had ruined him.—Elizabeth Bennett, wife of a blacksmith, deposed that deceased had lodged with her for 7 months. He used to drink very heavily, and after a bad bout would spit up blood in large quantities, but he still persisted in the habit. On Thursday morning she heard him groaning, and on going into the room found him lying in bed and blood all about the floor. He seemed very ill, and said, "I wish to see my mother."—Dr. Crawford, St. George's Infirmary, stated that deceased died 20 minutes after admission from chirosis of the liver, accelerated by alcoholic excess.—Verdict, natural causes, accelerated by excessive drinking.

FELL DOWNSTAIRS.

Dr. Oswald held an inquest on Jane Warren, 49, wife of a fishing-rod maker, of Southampton-st., Pentonville.—The husband stated that deceased, who was addicted to excessive gin drinking, on Wednesday night returned home tipsy.—Susan Martin, daughter of the deceased, stated that on Wednesday night she heard the deceased when going down the stairs calling her sister, and later on she heard a noise of a fall. On going out she saw deceased lying on the landing unconscious with a bannister rail in 1 hand, whilst another was lying under her.—Dr. Macdonald, Caledonian-rd., stated that he was called to see the deceased, whom he found dead with a wound at the back of the head and injury to the neck, which was probably fractured.—Accidental death.

MELANCHOLY END OF A SOLICITOR.

Mr. Braxton Hicks held an inquest on James Stuart Lock, 44, solicitor, Agnes-st., Waterloo-rd.—William Erskine Lock stated that deceased was his brother. He was formerly on the roll of solicitors, but for some considerable time past had "gone to the bad" and given way to drink. He existed simply upon what he could borrow and money given him by witness and his friends. Witness last saw him alive on the 18th ult. in the City, deceased then calling upon him for some money. He appeared to be in bad health and spirits, but witness knew nothing about his illness.—P.C. 121 L stated that on the 2nd inst. he found deceased foaming at the mouth in Agnes-st., Waterloo-rd., and as the man was apparently very ill and in a fit he conveyed him to St. Thomas's Hospital. He was not able to give any account of himself.—Dr. Fraser, house surgeon, said that when admitted the man was almost asphyxiated owing to his tongue being immensely swollen. Tracheotomy was performed, but death took place soon after from syncope, the result of the enfeebled condition of the lungs and cellulitis, caused by blood-poisoning of the tongue and glottis. This had followed a variety of causes, added to which the deceased's internal organs showed signs of alcoholism.—Verdict accordingly.

DROWNED IN DOCK.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on William Stonehouse, 34, late cook of the s.s. Wynyard Park, now lying in the Regent's Canal Dock.—Philip Cooper, master of the steamer, deposed that deceased resided at Seaham Harbour, Durham. He left the ship about 9 o'clock on Friday night, and on returning at 3 a.m. fell from the ladder into the water and was drowned. His body was recovered about an hour after.—Thomas Harris, grocer, Seaham Harbour, stated that he was with the deceased the previous night. They had been drinking, but by the time they reached the ship they were sober. Deceased mounted the ladder, but just as he reached the top and was about to step off he slipped and fell into the water.—Alfred Foster, watchman, stated that he heard a cry of "man overboard," and seeing a cap in the water he at once plunged in, but failed to find deceased. He was nearly drowned himself, but was assisted out of the water by the engineer. He then ran for the drags and got the body out.—The coroner and jury complimented witness on his bravery and promptitude.—Verdict, accidental death.

FATAL FALL FROM A WINDOW.

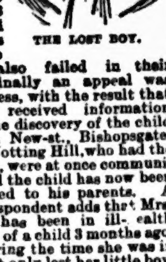
Dr. Oswald held an inquest on Alfred John Arthur Collgatt, 33, Molyneux-st., Marylebone.—The evidence showed that deceased, a porter at the Parcel Post Office, on Nov. 26 last, went to clean the windows of 78, Cambridge-terrace, Hyde Park. Whilst seated on a flour-box outside the second floor he fell backwards. In his fall he struck the balcony below and then bounded on to the pavement. He was picked up and taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where it was found that he had received injuries to the head and spine. He remained there just over 3 months, when, at his own request, he was taken home.—Dr. H. Head said he found 2 fractures of the spine. He died on Wednesday from exhaustion due to bed sores following the fractures.—Accidental death.

EPILEPTIC FITS.

Mr. Oswald held an inquest on John Smith, 43, scaffolder, Hunt-st., Notting Hill.—The widow said her husband had a disease of the chest, for which he had been in the infirmary. On Aug. 13 he went to a convalescent home at Walton-on-Thames, and understood he was getting on well. On the 22nd ult. she was called by a neighbour, and found him lying near the house insensible, with blood coming from his ears and nose. A doctor was called, and he was put to bed. He had a fit and afterwards became unconscious and died on the 1st inst. He told her that he had been taken to Walton Station in a bath-chair, and that an attendant accompanied him to Waterloo and left him in an omnibus to go home alone. He did not recollect getting out of the 'bus, but remembered falling at Hunt-st. through feeling giddy.—Dr. Lock said the skull was uninjured, and the man died from continually recurring epileptic fits from congestion of the brain. There was nothing to indicate that the fall had hastened death.—Mr Alexander Hayes, secretary of the Metropolitan Convalescent Institution, Walton-on-Thames, said the attendant accompanied deceased as far as Oxford Circus in a cab, and the man then wished to go alone, and he allowed him to do so, although the lady superintendent had given instructions that he was to be taken home.—Davies, the male superintendent, who accompanied deceased, admitted that he had made a mistake in not doing his duty, and said he had got to answer to the institution for it. Smith appeared all right when witness left him at Oxford Circus.—Verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

A VANISHED HOTEL.

A strange story of a lost child came to light this week. Capt. Lewsey, now stationed at Newport, Mon., sent a letter to Mr. Lushington at Bow-st., stating that his wife and little boy had come to town last week. Mrs. Lewsey had left the boy at an hotel near Paddington to do some shopping, and when trying to return had forgotten the name of the hotel, with the result that 3 days had passed in fruitless search. The police had also failed in their efforts, and finally an appeal was made to the press, with the result that Insp. Evans received information which led to the discovery of the child at an hotel in New-st., Bishopsgate. The police at Notting Hill, who had the matter in hand, were at once communicated with, and the child has now been happily restored to his parents. A Newport correspondent adds that Mrs. Lewsey, who has been in ill-health since the death of a child 3 months ago, states that during the time she was in London she not only lost her little boy, but was robbed of her money and a gold watch. It is stated that Mrs. Lewsey stayed at the hotel, of which she forgot the name, 1 night.



THE LOST BOY.

CITY MAN'S SUICIDE.

At Lambeth, Coroner Hicks held an inquest on Henry Dyer, 50, of independent means, formerly trading with China and Japan, and lately residing at Quinsan, Addlestone-park, who shot himself at Waterloo Station. —H. C. Davis, City merchant, identified deceased as his brother-in-law, who had only recently returned from Shanghai, where he attempted to kill himself by firing into his mouth with a revolver, but he recovered. He had suffered from sunstroke on 2 occasions, which was put down as the cause of the attempt on his life. Since his return to England he had been well up to 3 weeks ago, when he complained of feeling the same suicidal tendencies. —Verdict, suicide whilst of unsound mind.

THREATS TO MURDER.

Wm. Connor, 64, Richmond-rd., West Brompton, was charged at Westminster with maliciously sending letters threatening to murder Frederick Crouch, Paulton-sq., Chelsea.—Mr. Jones said Mr. Crouch was petitioner in a divorce suit now pending, and before proceedings were instituted he lodged at a house kept by prisoner's daughter. Prisoner by some means got it into his head that Crouch had been guilty of misconduct with his daughter, and this was the key-note of a letter subsequently written to him by prisoner. There was not the slightest foundation for the allegations. Mr. Crouch bore no vindictive feelings against prisoner, and would be satisfied if he were bound over and ordered to find a surety for his good behaviour. — Prosecutor was called and generally bore out the statement of his solicitor.—Prisoner now tendered a most humble apology. Worry and anxiety, he said, had so upset him that he hardly knew what he did.—Committed for trial.

STABBING AFFRAY IN SOHO.

Louis Ferrari, club doorkeeper, Dean-st., was charged at Marlborough-st. with cutting and wounding Harry Reynolds, a commercial traveller, residing at Dean-st. —Prosecutor said that while engaged in conversation with some French friends in Dean-st. Ferrari and some other Italians came up, and a dispute arose. Suddenly the Italians attacked him, and he took refuge in a public-house, but the Italians followed him, and one of them struck him on the head with a glass and stabbed him in the back with a knife.—Louis Duval, a sculptor, said that he was in the public-house when Reynolds ran in, and he saw Ferrari rush at him with a glass in one hand and a knife in the other, and strike him with both instruments.—Remanded, bail refused.

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[CO]STER SHOOTS COSTER.
[...]us Revolver Shooting Affray at Hoxton.

[...] extraordinary illustration of the [...]ing spirit came before Mr. [...] at Worship-st. A young fellow [...]d Joseph Raymond, described as [...]engrocer, of James-st., Hoxton, [...] placed in the dock charged with [...]iously shooting at William [...]ks with intent to kill and murder [...] and, further, with shooting at [...]am Harrison with intent to do [...]ous bodily harm. Prosecutor, [...]is a man about 30, living in Bar[...]ourt, Hoxton, was asked when [...] affair happened, and he said: [...]st night, in Hoxton-st." Being [...] to state what occurred, he said [...]idn't rightly know.—"What did [...]oner do?" questioned Mr. Cluer. "[...]t

[W]asn't so Much what He Did,

[...]was me that insulted him," an[...]ed witness.—Mr. Cluer: You can't [...] out of telling the facts in that [...]. It is too late now to get out of [...] and you must tell the truth.—[F]ranks then said that about 11.30 [...] previous night he was standing at [...] top of Barton-court when it hap[pen]ed.—Mr. Cluer: When what hap[pen]ed?—Witness: I don't rightly [kno]w; I was too drunk, and was call[ing] him all the thieves I could lay my [ton]gue to.—Mr. Cluer: Well, when [wit]nesses won't tell the truth, it is [not] only prisoner that goes to gaol, [...] the witness as well until the trial. [Th]at is the course I shall take here if [you] are not careful.—Witness: I was [ver]y drunk, and I had been roaming [...] the evening.—Mr. Cluer: Where [we]re you when he shot at you?—Wit[nes]s: At the top of Barton-court.—[Mr]. Cluer: Was that a first or second [sh]ot.—Witness: The second I think. [I] was told this morning that if he [ha]d killed me it would have served me [rig]ht.—In cross-examination by Mr. [M]argetts, who defended Franks, wit[nes]s said: I have known prisoner 7 or [...] years. I have been on good terms [wi]th him till about 3 months ago. We

Have been Working Together

[as] costermongers at the same place, [bu]t lately I have started on my own [ac]count, and it was through that we [h]ave not been friendly.—Mr. Mar[ge]tts: Is it true that he has had to [p]ut up with a good deal of annoyance [f]rom you?—Prosecutor: Yes, it is.—[M]r. Margetts: You called him all the [t]hieves you could lay your tongue to? —Prosecutor: Yes, yes. Quite true. —Mr. Cluer: He will evidently admit [a]nything you like to put in his mouth. [H]e is friendly to prisoner; but sup[p]ose someone else had been killed by [t]his shooting, what sort of answer [w]ould this have been?—Mr. Margetts: [I] can only treat him as he comes be[f]ore you, sir; these are my instruc[t]ions.—Prosecutor further said that [th]e accused prisoner of stealing money [a]nd might have said, "I'll have your [l]ife."—Mr. Margetts: Did you make [a] movement towards him?—Prosecu[t]or: I was told I did.—Mr. Cluer (to Mr. Margetts): Do you suggest that because one costermonger calls another all the thieves he can lay his tongue to, a revolver is to be used to him?—Mr. Margetts: No, sir, I do not suggest that. I shall bring

Something Much Stronger

against him presently.—Mr. Cluer (to prosecutor): You say you did make a movement towards him?—Prosecutor: Yes.—Mr. Margetts: You admit that? —Mr. Cluer: He has said 3 or 4 times that he was so drunk he does not know what he did do.—Prosecutor: I was told so this morning by 20 people.—Mr. Margetts: Have you been carrying a revolver?—Witness: Yes, up to about 3 weeks ago.—Mr. Margetts: Was it taken away from you?—Witness: Yes, some of my friends took it. It is true it was loaded.—A boy about 18 years old deposed that he "saw a row" at Barton-court, and heard Franks call prisoner bad names. After a time he heard a "bang," and next saw prisoner and prosecutor rushing out of Barton-court. Then there was another shot.—By Mr. Cluer: Prisoner was running first, and Franks ran after him at the second shot.—At this point Mr. Cluer said he should remand prisoner.—Mr. Margetts asked for bail.—Mr. Cluer: No; I am sorry that I cannot also lock up prosecutor as well, for he was drunk, and that men of this class should carry loaded revolvers is too shocking. If there are any penalties for that sort of thing I hope they will be enforced.—Prisoner was then removed in custody.

A MAD PRISONER.
Shocking Sequel to an Assault Case at Worship-street.

A shocking development of a serious charge of assault was disclosed at Worship-st. A man named George Hadley was brought before Mr. Mead, on remand, for an order to be made for his removal to a lunatic asylum. A fortnight ago he was charged with assaulting a woman named Louisa Vanner, who lodged in the same house. She was so seriously injured that the man was remanded, and last week, when he came up, it was reported that erysipelas had set in, and that the woman was in a dangerous state, necessitating a second remand. On each occasion that Hadley was in the dock

His Conduct was Strange,

though apparently restrained.—The evidence against him went to show that in the early part of Aug. prisoner was summoned for assaulting his wife, who got him bound over to keep the peace. He went home, and 2 or 3 days later commenced smashing the furniture in the room he occupied. The woman Vanner interposed to try and calm him, but he hurled things indiscriminately at his wife, and a chair and other things struck Vanner. Now, when he was brought up on remand to further answer the charge, it was found that he was raving mad. He was brought from Holloway Prison in a cab, and brought into the court shouting and raving, his language being horrible. —Dr. Forbes, medical superintendent of Shoreditch Infirmary, certified for his removal to the Infirmary, and from there he will be transferred to an asylum.

A fire broke out in some hoppers' dwellings on Crowhurst Farm, Hadlow, Kent, and Esther Scarrot died shortly after being rescued from the flames.

The premises of Messrs. Collins, jobmasters, Woodstock-st., Oxford-st., were seriously damaged by fire on Friday night. The animals were got out of the stables safely.

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LOVE AND STABBING.
Girl's Exciting Experience at Kentish Town.

At Marylebone, Walter Hellard, Army Reserve man, was again before Mr. Curtis Bennett, charged with having attempted to murder Marie Louisa Snell, 21, of Torriano-avenue, Kentish Town. Mr. Routh defended.—Prosecutrix, a prepossessing young woman, said she knew prisoner, and had been keeping company with him since Easter. She wrote a letter to him on the 22nd ult. She saw him the next night at her home. She was in her mother's bed-room. Her mother went downstairs, and prisoner came up and pushed his way into the room. He sat down on the bed and said, "Now, don't let's quarrel," and she replied that she did not wish to do so. She wished to know whether he had received her letter, and he said he had, and she added that in that letter she had told him what she had got to say. She then said, "We will not stay here," and blew the candle out. She turned round and immediately afterwards a knife was

Plunged into her Chest,

and she received 2 stabs in the left arm. Witness screamed and ran from the room, and on her way downstairs met her mother.—In cross-examination witness said there was nothing in his conduct that she could take exception to; it was the man himself that she objected to. She had intended that her letter should break off their friendship.—Mr. Snell, the young woman's father, deposed to hearing his daughter scream, and say, "I am stabbed; stop him." Prisoner tried to escape by the side door, but witness seized him and said, "You are not going; you have stabbed my daughter." Prisoner said, "Let me go. Let me go." Witness struggled with him, but he got away, and witness did not see him again until he was arrested by the police.—P.C. Welch, 277 Y, said he had made inquiries, and found that accused had been doorkeeper at White's Club, Piccadilly, for the last 9 months. He had been in the Medical Staff Corps for 8 years, and left with a good character. He had also other good characters.—Committed for trial.

JACK THE RIPPER.
Alleged Confession to a Lowestoft Surgeon's Son.

A startling story comes from a man who is said to be the son of a Lowestoft surgeon. This gentleman states that in October, 1894, he was steward on the Annie Speer, a coal and saltpetre boat running between Shields and Iquique, and that a man about 30 years of age, giving the name of Anderson, shipped on board as A.B. On the voyage out both were taken ill, and at Iquique they went into hospital. When they were lying side by side in adjoining beds, Anderson let out the gruesome secret that he was the man wanted for the horrible series of murders perpetrated in the East-end of London.

A Grim Smile.

He smiled with grim satisfaction when told that he had horrified the whole world. Asked for the motive by which he had been actuated, he said that he was once robbed by an unfortunate woman with whom he became acquainted on a visit ashore, and he was determined to have his revenge. "They did me," he said, "and I did them." He was at the time cook on one of the weekly boats running between London and Rotterdam, and he committed the murders in the few days between the boat's arrival and departure. Anderson, who lived at Bromley, Kent, at that time, shortly afterwards died.

Was the Confession a Delusion?

In reference to this statement, a reporter has made inquiries at Bromley (Kent), where Anderson lived when on shore, and has ascertained that the general opinion is that the confession must be a delusion. It will be remembered that the last of the awful series of murders was committed in a cul de sac under the Great-Eastern Railway. A seaman named Anderson was charged with being the perpetrator of the crime, the suspicion against him resting on some remarks he had made. He was charged at Thames with the crime, which was the most awkwardly managed of the previous 7 murders, and was remanded for inquiries. He gave an address at Bromley, and the police ascertained that he was, as stated, engaged in the cattle trade between Rotterdam and London as a herdsman. They also obtained undoubted evidence that he was on board the vessel in which he was engaged, and on the high seas, at the hour at which the murder was committed, so that after the third remand he was liberated. From this period nothing had been heard of him, or the relations with whom he lodged at Bromley when ashore, till he turned up at the hospital at Iquique. So that the East-end murders remain as much a mystery as ever.

A New York "Ripper."

A number of crimes have occurred of late in the east side of New York, which recall the exploits of "Jack the Ripper" in Whitechapel. The police, indeed, are of opinion that these assassinations are the work of one individual. Like Jack the Ripper, the murderer selects his victims from among the unfortunate class. The latest is a Polish Jewess named Anna Meyers, who was found strangled in her room. She was a friend and compatriot of another woman who was done to death in a similar manner about 3 weeks ago.

CITY BURGLARS.
Daring Outrage at a Well-known Rectory.

A burglary of a particularly daring character has been perpetrated at the Rectory of St. Andrew-on-the-Hill, Queen Victoria-st. The rector was away from home, and the only persons on the premises were the housekeeper and a gentleman who has been staying at the rectory on a visit. The thieves effected an entrance from the back of the house, and then worked their way into the dining-room, where they appropriated a quantity of silver plate, including several articles to which, from their associations, the rector attached great value. Just as the housekeeper was leaving her bedroom to commence her daily duties, a policeman, who had noticed one of the windows open at the back and other suspicious circumstances, knocked at the door, and only a cursory examination was sufficient to prove that a burglary had been effected. A minute inspection of the dining-room and the rear of the rectory led to the theory being formed that the burglars, having secured the plate, were about to extend their operations to other apartments, but were in some manner disturbed, and hurriedly made off.

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A GIRL QUEEN.
Engagement of Wilhelmina of Holland.

It is stated that the formal betrothal of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland to Prince Bernard of Saxe Weimar will be announced in a few days. The Queen was 16 on Monday last, and the prince is 16 months older. The Grand Duchess of Saxe Weimar is her Majesty's aunt, and is, moreover, next heir to the Dutch throne. The engagement therefore, so to speak, keeps the crown in the family, and apart from that it sets at rest a much vexed question that a long while the royal matchmakers of Europe have been busy discussing, whom Queen Wilhelmina should marry, and at one time an alliance with our own reigning family was suggested. Queen Wilhelmina herself is a bright engaging girl, with a charming face and a typically Dutch figure. She is a girl of rare intelligence, physically and mentally strong, and singularly sweet in disposition. A wilful maiden herself, the Queen is currently reported to have a knack of getting her will by her wit. For instance, when asked if she would like to go to London and see her cousins, she replied, "I don't care so much to see my cousins, but I do want to see the Tower, where the young princes were killed. They must have been very naughty boys, mamma. I wonder if you would kill me if I were naughty." "No, my child," replied the Queen Regent, "but I might slap you." "What!" said Wilhelmina, "slap the Lord's anointed! Then you would be guilty of high treason, and I could have you beheaded." "And what would become of you then?" asked the Queen Regent. "Oh, I should be like a wet day," was the laughing answer. "Why, would you weep so much?" "No, but I should go on reigning (raining) all the same!" The Queen is a fervid patriot, and vows that when on the throne she will do all she can to encourage the perpetuation of the picturesque old Dutch ways and costumes. The latter have nearly disappeared from the towns, but the country folk cling fondly to the old dress, and the Queen often delights the rustics of Friesland, Gelderland, Zeeland, or Maiken, as the case may be, by donning the quaint garb.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

A KENSINGTON TRAGEDY.
Curious Charge of Stabbing Against a Lad of 18.

At W. London, William Rogers, 18, boot repairer, was brought up on remand charged with maliciously stabbing Walter Boltwood, a plumber's mate, in the side while in a shop in Paddington-rd., N. Kensington.—Mr. Haynes watched the case on behalf of prisoner, who was now charged with murder.—Insp. Bell, who informed the magistrate that Boltwood had since died, applied for a further remand for the attendance of the solicitor to the Treasury to prosecute.—In this case the dying deposition of deceased was taken by the magistrate.—From the evidence taken on the first examination it appeared that prisoner and deceased were friends. On Monday week deceased was larking about in the shop, and prisoner told him to go outside. There was a struggle, and prisoner threatened to stab him if he did not release his hold. That was followed by prisoner picking up a knife and stabbing deceased in the side.—Mr. Rose said he had heard sufficient to justify another remand, and, on the application of Mr. Haynes, allowed prisoner's mother and sister to see him.

The Inquest.

At the inquest, Eliza Bailey, of Bevington-rd., N. Kensington, widow, identified deceased as her nephew, who had resided with her for over 14 years. On the 24th ult. he left home about 8 a.m. to go to work, and the same evening between 6 and 7 he was brought home in an unconscious condition. She was told he had met with an accident, and he appeared to be dying. Two doctors performed an operation on him, as it was the only chance of saving his life.—C. Tappin, plumber's mate, of St. George's-rd., N. Kensington, said he went with deceased to a small boot-repairing shop at 9a, Paddington-rd., which was occupied by accused's father, to have a chat with Rogers. Boltwood began to lark, and Rogers said, "If you cannot stop larking about you had better get outside." Boltwood said, "Supposing you go outside first," and he went round to the other side of the counter, where Rogers was sitting, and they caught hold of each other and wrestled to put each other out. When Rogers was forced on to the chair he said to deceased, "If you don't go away I will stab you." Boltwood laughed. Rogers seemed to get angry, and picked up a cobbler's knife, and stabbed deceased in the stomach on the right side. Boltwood cried out,

"He was Stabbed Me,"

and struck Rogers a blow in the face. He then fell back against the wall exhausted. Witness and Rogers at once assisted him out of the shop. Witness saw Boltwood slip down on the pavement, and noticing blood undid his waistcoat, and then rushed off for Dr. Roberts. Continuing, witness said deceased was struck 6 times after he was stabbed.—P.C. 495 X stated that he was called to the shop, and saw deceased lying on his back at the rear of the shop. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Ensor were with deceased, and after sending for the ambulance he arrested Rogers as the result of what Dr. Roberts told him. Rogers then said, "I was having tea and some shrimps. Boltwood threw some at me; we got to high words, and I lost my temper." Deceased was put on the ambulance, and Rogers was taken to the station.—Dr. C. Lall, Golbourne-rd., and Dr. Roberts, Cambridge-gardens, deposed to the wound being about an inch in depth. The wound was certainly one which could have been inflicted by the knife produced. They put deceased under chloroform, and attended to the wound. Syncope was the cause of death.—Adjourned for a week.

Three maiden ladies, named Wyles, were very seriously injured near Rochester on Friday by the overturning of a carriage whilst out driving.

Your Attention, Please! Sufferers from Gravel, Lumbago, Piles, Pains in the back, Dropsy, and Wind, Water Complaints, Diseases of Kidney, Bladder, Urinary Organs, Stone, Sciatica, Rheumatism, and Gout, will find a positive cure in Holdroyd's Gravel Pills. Try a small box, and if not satisfied your money will be returned. Price 1s. 1½d., of all Chemists. Post free 14 stamps, from Holdroyd's Medical Hall, Cleckheaton, Yorks. Don't be put off. If you cannot get them, write at once to the Proprietor, and a box will be sent [...]—[Advt.]

A CURE FOR CANCER.
Revelations at a Battersea Inquest.

At Battersea, Mr. A. B. Hicks opened an inquest on Sophia Holliday, 41, wife of a bricklayer, Ingrave-st., Battersea.—Giles Holliday, the husband, said deceased had been treated for cancer, and eventually went to see a person calling himself "Dr." Ferdinand, who, it was said, could cure cases of cancer. Witness's sister-in-law went with her, and the "doctor" said he would undertake to effect a cure within 3 months, his fee being 3 guineas down and so much a week. During the last 6 weeks of her life deceased was confined to her bed, and was visited by "Dr." Ferdinand. Previous to that deceased used to go to see him in his trap outside a public-house at Battersea, where he would prescribe for her.—Coroner: Did you think a duly-qualified medical practitioner would practice from a trap outside a public-house? I have seen "Cheap Jacks" doing so.—Witness: Well, I let my wife do as she liked.

Medicine and Pills.

—Marion Holliday, sister-in-law of the previous witness, stated that deceased had heard Mr. Ferdinand "preach" outside the Prince's Head of his ability to cure cancer. In consequence of that they went to the man's house at King's-rd., Chelsea, where Mr. Ferdinand said he could have cured the cancer without taking off the breast. He merely felt the woman's breast from outside her underclothing, but did not look at it. He said he would kill the root of the cancer, and prescribed medicine and pills for her.—The coroner at this juncture despatched his officer to the house to take possession of all bottles and pills, &c.—Continuing, witness said that deceased arranged to pay Mr. Ferdinand £1 down (she could not afford £3) and £2 a month. Deceased was a witness for Mr. Ferdinand, when he was fined £20 and £10 for unlawfully practising as an M.D.—Coroner: I remember the case perfectly well, but I did not know deceased was a witness in it.

"Able to Give a Certificate."

—Witness went on to say that, in consideration of her evidence, Mr. Ferdinand had not charged her for his attendance lately. Witness had heard a woman named Bloomer tell people from Ferdinand's trap that she had had her breast removed, and that he (Ferdinand) had cured her cancer. As a fact, Bloomer had told her that she had not had a breast removed; but she had a swelling on the hip which had been sewn up. Ferdinand distinctly told witness that he was able to give a death certificate.—A juror thought that Mrs. Bloomer should be found and called upon to give evidence.—Coroner: Oh, she will be here.—The inquiry was adjourned for the production of further evidence, Mr. Ferdinand being required to find a surety in the sum of £50 for his appearance. It was stated that the surety would be forthcoming.

HARROW-ROAD TRAGEDY.
Opening of the Inquest on the Victim.

Mr. Oswald held an inquest on Clara Thompson, who is believed to have been kicked to death in Harrow-rd.—Richard Coombes, who is said to have got a living by "breaking stones on his chest," is in custody, and was present at the inquest in the charge of 2 warders. There was a chaffing, laughing crowd at the doors of the vestry hall while the inquiry was being held. —Annie Walford, who is "living with a potman," said she had known deceased for some time as Clara Thompson, or "Dark Clara," and believed her to be a married woman. She had never done any work since witness knew her; she only knew her as being on the streets. Witness last saw her on Tuesday in last week; she was then in the William IV. at Kensal Green. She was

A Drunken Woman,

but very quiet. She had only left prison on the day in question, having served 14 days' imprisonment.—Annie Budd, wife of a coal porter, taking up the story, said she tried to get her home with her because she was quarrelling with some women. "Dick Coombes" came up and told Clara she was deceitful. Later on she heard Clara call out "Oh!" and saw her lying on the ground outside the Flora public-house. When witness got up to her Dick Coombes was holding her head up. He told witness she had fallen down. He seemed very much upset. Witness believed Coombes contributed to the support of deceased. She added in a casual way that Coombes told her he would give her a good hiding if she didn't leave the women she was quarrelling with, and he followed it up with

A "Smack in the Face."

—Louisa Roberts traced deceased from the prison doors on Wednesday to the time of her death; she seemed to have been drinking all the time.—Frederick Hamilton said he was with deceased walking past the Flora, when Coombes came out and pushed her. She fell. As she fell he kicked her—"as soon as she got the blow she got the kick."—In reply to a juryman, witness said he had no quarrel with Coombes about being with the deceased.—Alfred Hines saw Coombes (whom he did not know) knock the woman down twice and kick her.—P.C. Conway said Coombes remarked on the way to the station, "Why did she follow me about?"—Insp. Walsh said Coombes denied the kick. He took Coombes's boots off and noticed a dark smear on the toe of one of them.—Adjourned.

THE "BABY CLAIMANT."

Mary Ann Salisbury, better known as the "Baby Claimant," was charged at Marylebone with being drunk and disorderly.—Evidence was given that about 10.30 the previous night Mrs. Salisbury entered Harrow-rd. Police Station and asked to see the inspector on duty. Being the worse for drink, she was asked to leave, and, after parleying for some time, did so. Shortly afterwards, however, she returned, and, as she persisted in staying, she was forcibly ejected. She then commenced to halloa and shout, and created such an uproar that the police were compelled to arrest her.—Addressing the magistrate in her defence, Mrs. Salisbury said she emphatically denied being drunk. "I was followed," she said, "by a man in a light suit all day long. I called upon a doctor at Bank Buildings, who examined my husband for insurance at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and then went to the office, and asked for information about my husband's estate. I was followed from Mr. Rowe's office; in fact, I am 'shadowed' wherever I go on account of my baby and myself."—Fined 10s., or 7 days' imprisonment.

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AN UNSIGNED LETTER.
Curious Charge of Blackmail at Godalming.

At Godalming, William Tickner, a young man living in the town, was charged with sending to, or causing to be received by, Mrs. Clara Burgess (wife of Ald. Burgess, ex-Mayor of Godalming) a letter demanding, with menaces, and without any reasonable or probable cause, £5.—The letter was handed to the magistrate, but was not read. The writer, it is understood, brought a serious allegation against Mrs. Burgess as to her conduct with a member of Godalming Corporation, and threatened to expose her unless she placed the sum of £5 in an envelope in a hole behind a certain milestone near Milford Heath, on the Portsmouth road, where the writer would be able to find it. The letter was unsigned.—Ald. Burgess said he instructed his wife to place 5s. in the spot directed by the writer; and for this purpose got 5 separate coins, which he marked.—Mrs. C. Burgess stated that in addition to the marks which her husband made on the coins

She Scratched a Cross

with a bonnet-pin. Information was given to the police. She went to the milestone on her bicycle, but had great difficulty in finding the hole described, because it was so small. She left the coins and came away. There was no writing on the envelope, but her initials, "C. B.," were in the corner. She wrapped the coins in paper, but did not write on it.—P.S. Jarrall said that he went at 11 o'clock at night to the milestone on Milford Heath. He found a small envelope covered with grass. In it was an envelope marked "C. B." On feeling the envelope he found that it contained coin, and he made arrangements to capture the person who came for it. At 4.30 the following morning, which was shortly after daybreak, he took up a position in a copse some 73 yards from the milestone. He had previously examined the spot, and had found that the envelope was intact, and was unnoticeable by the casual passer-by. A few minutes after 6 prisoner came along the road on his bicycle, and dismounted. On going up to the stone he made

A Hurried Survey

of the spot. He kept 1 hand on the bicycle, and with the other picked up something. He then remounted his bicycle. Witness saw something white in his hand as he held it up. He then rode away to Lea Park, where he was employed. Following him there witness asked him to produce the packet that he had stolen from the milestone on Milford Heath. Prisoner denied any knowledge of the occurrence; he said he only stopped at the milestone for the purpose of doing up his bootlace. Witness searched him, but found nothing relating to the charge. He said, "I am innocent; I did not go near the stone. At the police station witness read the letter to him, and in reply prisoner said, "I can prove my innocence by the evidence of the 2 men." He wrote the names of the men on a piece of paper. Witness had compared the letter with defendant's handwriting, and to the best of his belief and judgment they were the same. He had made a diligent search, but had failed to find any envelope. Since then a young man named Snelling had

Found the Coins

near the hedge where prisoner was seen to go and place his bicycle and bag on arriving at Lea Park. Witness was severely cross-examined as to his position at the time prisoner was alleged to have gone to the milestone. He said he could not have done up his bootlace as he had only 1 hand at liberty.—Evidence was given by John Nash, who saw prisoner in the vicinity of the milestone; and Wilfrid Snelling, who found the marked coins.—Prisoner stoutly protested his innocence, and called George Willis and James Stenning, who stated that they did not see him take anything from the milestone. —The bench committed prisoner for trial, admitting him to bail—himself in £50, and 2 sureties of £50 each.

ALIEN GIRLS.
A Treasury Prosecution against Foreigners in London.

Auben Lokeites, 33; George Schneider, 22; John Nattites, 27; Magdalene Lokeites, 29; and Tava Miller, 26, were charged on remand at Thames with stealing a quantity of clothing, 30 marks, and 22s., the whole being valued at £10, belonging to 3 young Polish women, named Patrona Woosloski, Worasha Derassvitch, and Patrona Alkivitch.—It was alleged that, on the arrival of the 3 young women in London from Poland, they went to Tenter-st. Miller followed them, saying, "You had better come with me. It is no good staying here." They afterwards accompanied Miller to a house. On the following Wednesday Schneider took the young women and their luggage to a railway station, from where they travelled to some place. Nattites then appeared and took away the luggage, after which Schneider and Mrs. Miller

Took the Girls to a Public-house,

and there left them. After waiting all day some one took them to Hunter-st. Police Station, and an officer afterwards brought them back to Whitechapel. Sergt. Gill made inquiries and found some of the property concealed under the coals in the cellar of 23, John-st. Three bundles of things were also found to have been taken to Lokeites' house.—Mr. Sims now appeared to prosecute on behalf of the Treasury, and said since the last remand he had considered the evidence, the result being that, so far as the Lokeites were concerned, there was nothing to show they knew the goods, which were left at their house by Schneider, had been stolen. Under these circumstances, he asked that they might be discharged. With regard to the other prisoners, considerable difficulty had been experienced in getting the young woman's statement, but on the next occasion he hoped to present a connected account of the matter to the court, as a competent interpreter had now been secured.—Mr. Dickinson discharged the Lokeites and remanded the other prisoners.

The Queen has appointed Lo Feng Luh, First Secretary of Li Hung Chang's Special Embassy, to be Honorary Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

RAILWAY AND STEAMBOAT ARRANGEMENTS.

SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.
SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD (STANBURY v. GAUDAUR) PUTNEY TO MORTLAKE. ON MONDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER.

THE START will take place at 1.30 p.m. TRAINS will leave WATERLOO STATION as under:—

		a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
WATERLOO	dep.	10.25	10.35	11.20	11.35
VAUXHALL	"	10.28	10.40	11.25	11.40
CLAPHAM JC.	"	[illegible]	10.48	11.33	11.47
PUTNEY	arr.	10.46	10.56	11.40	11.54
BARNES	"	10.49	11.0	11.43	11.57
MORTLAKE	"	10.54			12.2

		p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
WATERLOO	dep.	12.5	12.15	12.30
VAUXHALL	"	12.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
CLAPHAM JC.	"	12.17	12.27	12.38
PUTNEY	arr.	12.24	12.44	12.39
BARNES	"	12.27	12.47	12.42
MORTLAKE	"	12.32		12.47

SPECIAL TRAINS will run between WATERLOO and PUTNEY, BARNES, and MORTLAKE as may be necessary.
CHAS. SCOTTER, General Manager.

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LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.
LAST SCOTCH TRIP OF THE SEASON.
[illegible]

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DONCASTER RACES.
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HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.

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[illegible]
HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.

BRIGHTON AND BACK for 2s. 6d.
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TO SCARBOROUGH AND SUNDERLAND.
[illegible]

MIDLAND RAILWAY.
COOK'S CHEAP EXCURSIONS from ST. PANCRAS and CITY STATIONS.
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GENERAL EXCURSION, SATURDAY.
[illegible]
GEO. H. TURNER, General Manager.

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SEASIDE.
[illegible]
CHEAP DAY TRIPS to the SEASIDE, &c.
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WM. BIRT, General Manager.
London, August, 1896.

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WM. BIRT, General Manager.
London, August, 1896.

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KINGSWEAR and Torquay, 8s., Newton Abbot, Teignmouth, and Dawlish, 7s., at 12.10.
BOAT TRIP up River Dart, Dartmouth to Totnes, 1s. extra.
EXETER, Tiverton Junction, Wellington, Taunton, Bridgwater, Highbridge, Weston-super-Mare, 6s., at 12.30.
BRISTOL and Bath, 5s.; Swindon, 3s. 6d.; at 12.20. Both trains call at Westbourne Park.
SUNDAY, 13th September.
YARMOUTH and Lowestoft, 4s. By G.E.R., from Liverpool-street 8.15 a.m.
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PETERSFIELD, Liphook, Witley, Godalming, and Guildford, 3s. 6d. By L. and S.W.R., from Waterloo 9.40 a.m. Both trains call at Vauxhall, Clapham Junction, Wimbledon, and Surbiton.
HASTINGS, Bexhill, and Eastbourne, 4s. By L.B. and S.C.R., from London Bridge and Victoria 9.[...] a.m., calling at New Cross, Norwood Junction, East Croydon, Battersea, Clapham Junction, and Balham.
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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 17.4 per 1,000 of their aggregate population.

In London 2,651 births and 1,369 deaths were registered last week.

Allowing for increase of population, the London births were last week 1, and the deaths 75, below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 21.1, 19.7, and 16.8 in the preceding three weeks, further fell last week to 16.1.

During the four weeks ending on the 29th ult. the death-rate averaged 18.4 per 1,000, being 0.1 per 1,000 above the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1886-95.

In greater London last week 3,620 births and 1,842 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 30.6 and 15.5 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

Light rains have fallen in Northern Victoria, but more are wanted.

The rateable value of Marylebone is now placed at £1,921,569.

Margaret Taggart, whilst in a fit of anger, jumped out of her window in Dyer's-lane, Glasgow, and was killed.

The general report of the opening of the partridge season is that the birds are plentiful and strong.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling has broken up his establishment at Brattlebro', Vermont, and intends to reside in England.

The Italian Minister of Agriculture has sold the famous English stallion, Melton, for 270,000fr., to M. de Bela Broulie.

The Prince of Wales will have some shooting next month with the Duke of Cambridge at Six-mile Bottom, near Newmarket.

An old pawn-ticket, signed by Tasso, the poet, and dated 1570, has been found in a Florentine curiosity shop in a portfolio of old letters.

A serious outbreak of typhoid fever has occurred at Barking, and as a result 6 deaths have taken place up to the present.

There was a fire at a house in Star-st., Vauxhall. A child named Stacey, 4 years old, was so badly burned that it died at the hospital.

Birkenhead public market caught fire at 5 in the morning. The fire was not got under until 8 o'clock, by which time half of the roof had fallen in.

The Bath City Council has passed a bye-law similar to the one adopted at Wolverhampton and other places suppressing street betting.

An enterprising man started a matrimonial agency in Chicago not long ago, and in order to boom business married a number of his lady clients himself.

Tramps have dug out the corner-stone of the California Church, in Cleveland township, Elkhart county, Indiana, taking the pieces of money underneath.

King Humbert has signed a decree for the re-establishment of an Italian squadron in S. American waters for the protection of the interests of Italian subjects in S. America.

Annie Murphy, a Rutherglen girl of 15, jumped on to a threshing mill in order to ride to her home, and on coming off slipped and fell, the mill going over her body. She is now dead.

While the training squadron vessels were in Norway a fatal accident occurred, a midshipman falling from aloft, and sustaining injuries from which he died.

A coroner's jury returned an open verdict in the case of a newly-born male child, which was found on Lord Mansfield's estate, North Hill, Caen Wood, wrapped as a parcel.

Rumour says that Lord Ashton is so rich that he can afford to settle £15,000 a year on his daughter, to whom it was wrongly reported Sir R. Peel is engaged, when she marries.

A French colonel at Famiers is teaching his officers and men to crawl on their stomachs, and has invented a leather glove to help the process. The regiment can now travel 100 yards in this manner without fatigue.

The Rev. W. Davies, curate in charge of St. Jude's, Bethnal Green, this week announced to his congregation that he had accepted the rectory of Spitalfields, offered him by Mr. Buxton.

The Duke of Connaught visited the camp at Frensham Common, Farnham, when the massed bands of the 2nd Division engaged in the Army manœuvres played selections, numerous visitors being present.

As William Granger, a Greenock labourer, was proceeding along Custom House Quay, he noticed a man fall into the water. He at once raised the alarm, but the man sank and was drowned.

"Seeking for an escape of gas with a light" caused an explosion, followed by a fire, in Barry-rd., East Dulwich. The entire house of 7 rooms was wrecked, and Mr. Stallion was burnt on the face.

The new order that vans as well as cycles must carry lights after sunset has come into force in the Brentford district. A number of van drivers were summoned to the police court for disregarding the order. Fines of 2s. 6d. were imposed.

The body of the man found at Cove, near Aberdeen, shot through the head, has been identified as that of Granville Owen, a riding-master, residing at Islington. He left London on Aug. 21 for a holiday in Scotland. Beside the body was a 6-chambered revolver. Deceased was engaged to be married.

The Methodist Free Church at Truro has just celebrated an unusual event in the churches of that denomination—the completion of the 20th consecutive year of the labours of the Rev. J. Cockin as circuit minister. Mr. Cockin began his work in Truro at the completion of his studies in Manchester in 1876, and has continued it without a break.

There was an exciting scene during Lambeth Regatta, which took place opposite the Houses of Parliament. One of the competitors, known as "Nick of Lambeth," while holding a good position in a swimming race, was seized with cramp, and at once sank. Several of the competitors dived for him, and rescued the man, who was placed in the police galley and afterwards taken to St. Thomas's Hospital, where he was detained.

At Liverpool, J. Tramlett was charged with being a deserter from the 13th Hussars. He was arrested on landing from a Dublin steamer charged with pocket-picking. The passage was a very rough one, and prisoner was most assiduous and gallant in assisting ladies to the cabin, and in doing so, it is alleged, he picked their pockets, several cases being reported to the captain. Tramlett was committed to gaol to await the arrival of an escort.

The central crater of Vesuvius is in eruption.

A number of Glasgow coal merchants have resolved to raise the price of house coal 1s. per ton.

Margaret Kennedy, married woman, of Greenock, was found dead in bed. Death was due to suffocation.

No fewer than 9,386 summonses for non-payment of rates have been served upon Lambeth householders.

The death is announced from New York of Charles Reinhart, the well-known artist.

The nibbling of wax matches by mice is supposed to have caused a fire in a tobacconist shop at Westminster.

According to the last returns made to the guardians there are 1,300 vaccination defaulters in Mile End just now—not 100 as was stated the other day.

Little Eleanor Patterson was washed away by a wave and drowned at the seaside resort of Powfoot. Her mother was watching her at the time.

The 4th annual Congress of the National Free Labour Association is to be held in Chorlton Town Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 5 and following days.

At W. London, Sydney Clarendon was committed for trial, charged with obtaining board and lodging from a widow in Netherwood-rd., Shepherd's Bush, by false pretences.

For keeping a disorderly house in Dantzic-st., Thomas Baker and Margaret Baker were charged at Southwark. The man was sent to hard labour for a month, and the woman for 6 weeks.

Sir E. Clarke will be one of the speakers at a public meeting at York on Oct. 15, in connection with the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Division National Union of Conservative Associations.

Maj. Coventry's health is causing much anxiety to his medical attendants. It is not at all certain that all the lead splinters were extracted from his wound in the hospital at Pretoria, or that the spine was not injured.

Mainly through the intervention of the Duke of York, 2 old sailors, Shaw and Pink, who fought at St. Jean d'Acre in 1840, are to be removed from Portsmouth Workhouse to Haslar Hospital, where they will spend the remainder of their days.

It is said that a few years ago the Queen owned 600 houses in various parts of England, not royal residences, but rent-yielding property, and that about 6,000 houses have been built by Crown lessees on building leaseholds held by the Queen.

The London Technical Education Board will open its new central school of arts and crafts early in October in premises opposite the Regent-st. Polytechnic. The object of the new school is to provide instruction for those employed in industries requiring artistic skill.

Extradition has been ordered in the case of J. C. Cunningham Drayton, a gentlemanly-looking young fellow, on the charge of obtaining 15,000 marks' worth of jewellery from Mr. Koch, of Baden-Baden, on the representation that he was the nephew of a very wealthy American.

The Hyde Park peace demonstration of July last cost £77 6s. The expenditure seems to have been for a band, for mounted farriers, who got 3s. each, and for platform guards, who received 7s. 6d. each, whilst £2 19s. 7d. was spent on the sash, armlets, and rosettes of the chief marshal.

A woman named Savage, 50, of Broadwall, Stamford-st., was about to enter a railway carriage at London Bridge Station when she fell between the platform and the footboard, the wheels of the carriage passing over her head. She was going to the hop-fields with other women.

The dead body of a well-dressed man, about 75, was found in a 3rd class carriage of the Metropolitan Railway at Praed-st. Deceased had in his possession a return ticket from Kensington High-st. to Southend, £1 2s. 4½d. in cash, and a bunch of keys, but nothing likely to establish his identity.

The medical officer of health for Wandsworth has reported that during the past fortnight a large number of infants under 1 year have died from diarrhœa and digestive diseases. In fact, of the total deaths (37) 15 were of infants under 1 year, and only 8 of persons over 60 years.

An Army pensioner named Boxall, aged 53, committed suicide at Basingstoke by throwing himself in front of a down goods train as it was entering a cutting about a mile from Basingstoke Station on the L. and S.-W. Railway. He was mangled almost beyond recognition.

The Bishop of Ripon is the latest ecclesiastical convert to the bicycle. His lordship, unmoved by the tirade which 1 of his fellow prelates has recently uttered against the fashionable method of locomotion, prides himself upon the ease and rapidity with which he has become an expert rider.

While workmen were making extensive alterations in Tavistock-pl., Russell-sq., they found, buried in the mould under the flooring of the ladies' dressing-room, a small wooden box, containing a large collection of gold and silver coins of the reign of Charles II. The coins are in a splendid state of preservation.

Maggie Kelly, or Adelaide Clinton, 14, was at Bradford charged with stealing 4ft. of ribbon from a grave in the Bowling Cemetery. There have been complaints of ribbon being stolen from wreaths after funerals, and prisoner was seen to commit the offence. The bench cautioned the girl and discharged her.

W. Blake, Afghan-rd., Battersea, was standing on a pair of steps graining the portico of 64, Warwick-sq., Pimlico, when 1 of his fellow-workmen saw him and the steps turning a somersault down the area. The injured man was at once conveyed to St. George's Hospital, where he died. Accidental death.

A verdict of death from alcoholic poisoning was returned at Liverpool in the case of Hugh M'Millan, marine fireman. The widow said deceased drank whisky by the half-pint, and was constantly intoxicated. The mother-in-law said deceased always drank whisky neat, and had not been known to be sober for 11 years.

The relieving officers of Portsmouth have just found £120 secreted in the house of an old lady who died in the workhouse. She was 85 years of age, and her name was Rose Blackmore. She was well connected, but had been in the receipt of parish relief for nearly 20 years. Ultimately she was removed to the workhouse because she seemed in such poverty.

As at present arranged, the first meeting of the Royal Commission on Rating will be held early in November; but it is not likely that the commission will get seriously to work before Christmas. They will have just enough to do at the preliminary meetings to settle their course of procedure and decide generally on the lines which the inquiry is to follow.

Mr. Balfour has taken rooms until the first week in October at an hotel in North Berwick.

The Queen of Servia sleeps on a narrow divan spread with a hard, unyielding mattress, and without the vestige of a pillow.

St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, which has been closed for nearly a fortnight, has been re-opened for divine service.

Within 2 years 3 men have committed suicide in Chicago because of unrequited love for a certain pretty girl of that city.

The oyster season as regards the Royal Whitstable natives has commenced with more encouraging prospects than for many years.

The population of London, according to the latest figures, is only a little more than 100,000 less than that of the whole of Ireland. The parish of Islington alone contains 336,764 souls.

At the docks at Havre, 2 warehouses, with merchandise, chiefly cotton and lard, have been destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at a million francs.

The will of Mr. E. R. Kelly, of High Holborn, publisher of Kelly's directories, who died on July 8, was proved by Mr. E. F. Kelly, the son and executor, the value of the personal estate being £164,509.

The moulders employed in the iron-works and foundries at Heywood have received notice that their wages will be increased from 34s. to 36s. a week. The men had threatened to strike unless the advance was granted.

"We shall hear more about this, 558," said G. W. H. Willcox dramatically to a constable who pulled him up for reckless riding in the City. They did hear more, but it was at Guildhall, where G. W. H. Willcox was fined 10s.

The Belfast steamer Lord Londonderry has rendered valuable salvage services. She picked up the disabled liner Jersey City 300 miles west of the Fastnet, and towed her valuable prize safely to Queenstown Harbour.

G. Wiles, carpenter, is under remand at S.-W. Court, charged with striking Andrew Bryan, a fellow-lodger, on the head with a loaded stick till he fell insensible. The injured man is now in the Bolingbroke Hospital.

Dr. J. F. J. Sykes, Medical Officer of Health for St. Pancras, reports that during the 5 weeks ended Aug. 1, 571 deaths occurred in that parish, this being a death-rate of 24.0 per 1,000, as against a rate for the metropolis of 21.2.

William Nicholls, 22, described as a commission agent, of Wickham-pl., Tabard-st., Borough, was fined £5 or 1 month, at Southwark, for causing an obstruction in Tabard-st by betting. Policemen disguised as chimney sweeps effected the arrest.

A middle-aged gentleman, named White, of London, who had been staying in Penzance, was bicycling near Logan Rock, when he lost control of his machine and was thrown against a stone wall. He sustained a fracture of the right leg and serious cuts and bruises.

A. Stone and C. Hagren were rowing on the Thames, between Chelsea and Wandsworth Bridges, when their boat was capsized by the wash of a passing steamer. Hagren was rescued by the occupants of a passing skiff; but Stone, who was a married man, was drowned.

Maj.-gen. Maurice, commanding Woolwich District, this week presented, at Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, "Ashanti Stars, 1896," to officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Army Medical Staff and Medical Staff Corps, who served in the late campaign.

Five young men, 3 of whom were said to be in the employ of evening newspapers, were summoned at Lambeth for furiously riding bicycles along Kennington-rd., and ordered to pay fines ranging from 10s. to 20s. All defendants were stopped by a mounted constable, 72 L, who had been placed on special duty for the purpose.

At Sheffield, Emily Wardle sued J. Hamilton, watchmaker, for £50 for loss of a watch entrusted to defendant for repairs, but stolen from his shop. Plaintiff admitted that the watch cost only £40, 30 years ago. Defendant, who had made an offer of £15 in settlement, was ordered to give £10 compensation.

The S.-E. Rly. Co. have decided to make a great extension of their works at Ashford, spending between £8,000 and £9,000 on the work. The new buildings will be 320ft. in length by 106ft. wide, and will comprise carriage-building and fitters' shops, trimming-room, workshop stores, and engine-room.

The panels in the judges' lodgings at Leeds, which were painted by the late President of the Royal Academy when he was only 18, are to be removed and placed in the Corporation Art Gallery. As he was only a student at the time, young Millais did not append his signature to the work, but there is no doubt as to their authenticity.

A letter reached this country the other day from Dinuzulu, one of the 3 Zulu chiefs who are living in banishment at St. Helena. He is very naturally pining for liberty, as are equally, of course, his companions, Ndabuko and Tsingana. Dinuzulu finds some joy, however, in his musical-box. He received it as a present long ago.

The unfortunate coachman, C. Frost (who sustained such severe injuries to his head in the accident which happened to a wedding party whilst returning from Old Fulham Church on Bank Holiday), has been removed to the insane ward of the parish infirmary. The bride and bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick-Sims, have almost recovered from the shock and injury received.

Mrs. F. Williams, of Union-pl., Merthyr, has drowned herself in the Blue Pool, which is formed in the rocks at Pontsarn by a mountain torrent. Deceased was heard by her daughter (a governess on her vacation from London) to go out, and examination of her room revealed that she had left a letter indicating her intentions. It is believed that deceased's mind was unhinged.

The Chief Engineer of Devonport Dockyard has been directed by the Admiralty to at once commence the construction of a set of vertical triple expansion engines capable of developing 7,000 indicated horse-power. The engines, which will be placed on the third class cruiser which is to be laid down at Sheerness Dockyard next year, will be similar to those of the cruiser Proserpine, now being completed at Devonport. On the new engines £27,000 will be spent during the current financial year.

"IN THE SWIM."

BY A CITY SHARK.

The proposed absorption of the Barnato Bank by the Johannesburg Consolidated Company has been the chief topic of discussion in City circles. It appears to be an equitable arrangement on the whole, although there are, of course, some malcontents who consider that the Barnato shares should have been valued more highly for exchange against Consolidated shares. Be that as it may, there can be no question that the consolidation will effect large economies in working expenses, while at the same time adding to the financial strength of the joint concern. Nor do I make any doubt that the market for "Johnny's Investments" will have a substantial jump should the scheme come to fruition.

Though the rise in Kaffirs is checked the undertone remains good. It has been said some of the "big" houses have been selling, but this is denied. The August output is predicted to be a record one, and in that case a spurt may take place. Some mines now come into the list for the first time, and the first to hand was the Bonanza, with 2,803oz., a very satisfactory return. These shares are still cheap, notwithstanding the substantial rise since I first tipped them. Other shares which I recommend are Bantjes, Explorations, Cassel Coals, Randfonteins, Johnnies, and Klerksdorps. The gold exports from Westralia in August very nearly doubled those of July in value.

In other departments business remains slack, English rails being adversely affected by the lock-out in the shipbuilding industry, while American goods have become more shaky than ever, owing to the apparent success of Mr. Bryan's candidature in some States which, it was assumed, would go dead against that ambitious and dangerous demagogue. There is steady inquiry for South American Securities, but not to a sufficient extent to produce much effect on quotations. Brazil is meditating another large loan, to be issued at Paris; the huge republic should make more strenuous endeavour to live within its means.

The exportation of gold to America still goes on, and seems likely to continue, as the balance of trade has become largely adverse to Europe. But I do not share the uneasiness of timid operators that we are within measurable distance of dearer money. There may be a little tightness, now and again, but our accumulated savings are so vast as to forbid the supposition of any scarcity of loanable capital during the present year.

MONEY MARKET.

City, Saturday.

Consols strong. Foreign Securities firm. Home Rails better. Americans lively. Canadians dull. Mines quiet. Miscellaneous steady. Closing prices:—Consols, 112¼ ⅜; ditto Account, 112 9-16 11-16; Two-and-a-Half per Cents., 107¼ ½.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Brighton, 193 5	Hull & Barns., 33 ½
Do. Df., 183¾ ¾	Lanc. & Yrks., 149¾ 50¼
Caledonian, 158 60	Met'politan, 111 12
Do. Df., 59½ ¾	Do. District, 25 ½
Chatham Ord., 17⅝ ⅞	Midland, 167 ½
Do. Prf., 134 5	N. British, 47¼ ¾
E. Lon. Cnsldt., 6½ ¾	Do. Prf., 93 ½
Gt. Eastern, 104¼ ½	North-East, 177¼ ½
Gt. Northern A, 50 2	Nth-West., 203 ½
Do. Df., 53¼ ¾	Sheffield Df., 24¾ 5¼
Do. Prf., 120¼ 1¼	S.-East. Df., 103¼ ¾
Gt. Western, 178 ½	S.-Western, 212 14

FOREIGN BONDS.

Argentine, 1886, 82¼ ¾	Hung. 4's, 1881, 103 ½
Do. Funded 83¾ 4	Italian 5 p. C., 87¾ ⅞
B. Ayres Water, 69¼ 70	Mexican 6's, 94 ½
Brazilian, 1889, 72¼ ¾	Peruvian Cor., 2¾ ⅞
Chilian, 1886, 90 1	Do. Prf., 7¾ 8¼
Egypt. Unified, 104½ 5	Do. Deb., 33½ 9¼
Do. Scrip, 102¾ 3¼	Portuguese 1's, 26¾ 7¼
Daira Sanieh, 103¼ 4½	Russ. 4 p. C., 104½ 5
Domain, 105 6	Spanish 4 p. C., 64¼ ⅝
French 3 p. C., 102 3	Turkish D., 20¼ ⅜
Do. 3½ p. C., 104 5	Turkish, 1891, 102¾ 3¼
German 3 p. C., 99 ½	Uruguay 3½'s, 49¾ 50¼

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.

Atchison, 12½ ⅝	N. York Cen. 95 6
Do. Income Bds, 18 ½	Do. & On., 13¼ ¾
Cen. Pacific, 14¾ 15¼	Nor. & Wt. Pf., 13¾ ⅝
Chgo. M. & St. P. 71¼ ⅝	N. Pacific P., 19¾ 20¼
Dnvr. & Rio G., 11¼ ¾	Pennsylvania, 52¼ ¾
Do. Prf., 43¼ 4½	Reading, 7⅝ ⅞
Erie, 13¾ ⅞	Southern Ord., 7⅝ ⅞
Illinois Cen., 91 2	Do. Prf., 21½ 2
Lake Shore, 147 9	Union Pacific, 5¾ 6
Louis. & Nash., 41½ ¾	Wabash Prf., 14¼ ¾
Miss. & Texas, 10¼ ⅞	

OTHER AMERICAN RAILWAYS, &c.

Argentine, Cen., 82½ 3½	G. Trunk Ord., 4⅛ ½
Do. East, 48 50	Do. 1st Prf., 29 ½
B. Ayres Gt. So., 132 3	Do. 2nd Prf., 17 ½
Do. & Pacific, 108 10	Do. 3rd Prf., 9⅝ ⅞
Do. Northern, 110 12	Do. 4's Gd., 38½ 9
Do. Western, 12½ 13	Mexican Ord., 19¼ ¾
Canda. Pacific, 60¼ ⅝	Do. 1st Prf., 68½ 9½
Nitrate Rails, 6¾ 7¼	Do. 2nd Prf., 30 2
Uruguay, Cen., 93 5	W. of Minas Ry., 77 ½

MINES AND LAND.

African Est., 1 5/16 7/16	L. & W. Aus. Exp., 1 5/16 7/16
Afrikander, 1 3/16 5/16	Do. Invest., 2 ¼ ½
Anglo-French, 5 ¼ ½	Mason & Barry, 3 ¼
Bantjes, 3 5/16 7/16	May, 2¾ 3
Barnato Con., 2⅞ 3	Mozambique Mining, 1½
Bechuanaland, 1 5/16 7/16	Do. Gold Reef, 1 ½
Buffelsdoorn, 2⅞ 3	Meyer & Ch., 6½ ¾
Champion Reef, 8⅜ ½	Modderfontein, 7⅜ ⅝
Chartered, 3¼ ⅜	Mysore, 8¼ ⅜
City and Sub., 5¼ ⅜	Nigel, 3¼ ½
Colonial Finance, 3¼ ½	Do. Deep, 1⅞ 2
Con. Goldfields, 13½ ¾	Oceana Land, 1 5/16 7/16
Croesus, 1⅝ ¾	Orion New, 1¼ ⅜
Crown Reef, 11¼ ¾	Porges Rand, 1 5/16 7/16
De Beers, 30½ ¾	Potchefstroom, 13/16 15/16
Durb'n Roodp'te, 7½ ⅝	Primrose, 6 ¼
Eastleigh, 1 ⅛	Randfontein, 2 13/16 3 1/16
Ferreira, 19½ 20½	Rand Mines, 31⅝ 2¼
Geldenhuis, 4¼ ½	Do. East 7¾ ⅞
Do. Deep, 5⅞ 6	Do. West, 2⅛ ⅜
Glencairn, 3⅜ ⅝	Do. Rhodesia, 1 ½
Goldfields Deep 11¾ 12	Rietfontein New 3½ ⅝
Gold Trust, 8¾ 9	Rio Tinto, 23⅝ ⅞
Golden Crown, 2 ½	Robinson, 8¾ 9¼
Great Boulders, 7⅝ ⅞	Roodeport Deep, 2 5/16 7/16
Hampton Plains, 4¼ ½	Salisbury, 4¼ ½
Hannan's B'hill, 5¾ 6	Sheba, 2 ½
Heidelberg Est., ⅝ ¾	Spes Bona, 1⅜ ⅝
Henry Nourse, 6⅞ 7⅛	Steyne Estates, 1⅝ ⅞
Heriot, 9¼ ½	Transvaal Gold, 8⅜ ⅝
Hyderabad Dec., 3⅜ ⅝	Van Ryn, 4⅞ 5⅛
Jagersfontein, 10¾ 11	Village M. R., 6⅜ ⅝
Joh'nsbg. Inv., 3 15/16 4 1/16	With. Nations, 1 ⅛
Jubilee, 9 ½	Wemmer, 9¼ ¾
Jumpers, 6¾ 7	Wentworth, ⅞ 1
Klerksdorp, 150 160	Westralia, 13/16 15/16
Knights, 7½ ¾	W. Austr. Gold, 9½ ⅝
Lady Loch, 2 3/16 5/16	Do. Con., 1 5/16 7/16
Lady Shenton, 2 5/16 7/16	Do. Expl., 1 5/16 7/16
Langlaagte, 5⅝ ¾	Do. Gold Est., 2½ ¾
Do. Block B, 1 7/16 9/16	White Feather, 2 ½
Do. Royal, 2¼ ½	Waihi, 7 ¼

MISCELLANEOUS.

Aerated Bread, 9⅝ ⅞	Harrod's Stores, 6⅞ ⅞
Allsopp, Ord., 176 9	Impl. Ottm., 12¼ ¾
Do. Prf., 169 70	Incan. Gas, Lng., 1 5/16 7/16
Ang-Amer. Ord. 52 4	Do. Aus., 2¼ ⅜
Do. Prf., 97¾ 8¼	Linotype, 8½ ¾
Barnato Bank, 2½ ⅝	Lyons, 15/16 1 1/16
Bryant & May, 19½ ¾	Maxim Nord., 3⅜ ⅝
Coats, Ord., 61¼ 2¼	Sal. & Gluck., 130 150
Do. Prf., 18¾ 19¼	Salt U. Pref., 9¾ 10
Eastman's Ord., 3 5/16 7/16	Suez Canal, 134 7
Do. Prf., 10¾ 11¼	

The Mysore Gold Mining Company has received a telegram from the mine giving the return of gold for the month of August as follows: 5,300 tons of quartz produced 7,774 ounces of gold, 4,460 tons of tailings produced 1,202 ounces of gold, 1,760 tons of tailings (cyanide process) produced 157 ounces of gold; total production for the month, 9,133 ounces of gold.

The Mysore Reefs (Kangundy) Company have received a telegram from the mine dated Sept. 5, giving last month's return of gold as follows: 507 tons of stone produced 137 ounces of gold. Twenty days' milling.

The Ivanhoe Gold Mining Co.—Month of Aug., 187 tons crushed, yielding 1,335 ounces of gold.

Henry Nourse Gold Mining Co.—Total gold recovered during Aug., 6,794 ounces.

Worcester Exploration.—Last month's crushing yielded 2,478 ounces.

AN EAST END ROMANCE.

STORY OF A RUSSIAN GIRL AND HER FORTUNE.

At Thames, a grocer, Israel Finkelstein, Raven-rd., Whitechapel, was charged on a warrant with unlawfully attempting to defraud Alfred Silverman, Greenfield-st., of certain furniture, effects, and the stock-in-trade of the business of a woollen merchant and provision dealer.—Mr. Metcalf, who prosecuted, said a new charge of felony had been preferred against accused by his wife, and the facts would apply to either. It appeared a young woman, named Hannah Klinger, left Russia at the end of last year, with £480 in rouble notes. On arriving in London she met prisoner, and afterwards became engaged to him.

SHE TRUSTED ACCUSED

with the whole of her money. With it he bought a quantity of furniture and a business in Raven-rd. He also purchased prosecutrix a quantity of stuff for dresses and some jewellery with her own money, and the remainder he kept. In anticipation of the marriage an indenture was entered into, and it recited that Hannah Klinger should have the business and stock-in-trade of a woollen dealer settled on her as a marriage settlement. Under that Mr. Silverman was appointed trustee. They got married, and carried on business in Raven-rd. A short time ago prosecutrix noticed that although her husband kept selling goods he did not purchase fresh stock, and 2 or 3 weeks since he told her he intended going to South Africa. On Mrs. Finkelstein wanting to know what was to become of herself and his own 5 children by a previous wife, he stated he would leave £20. He also expressed his intention of selling the business, and, in fact, received a deposit from a person named Rodoski. Ten days ago prisoner locked his wife out of the house, and when she attempted to re-enter, in company with her trustee,

HE PICKED UP A KNIFE,

and threatened to murder her. When accused was taken into custody some deposit notes for goods deposited at Aldgate Station were found in his possession. On a constable examining the parcels, he found they contained prosecutrix's dresses.—Mr. Mead said it seemed to him the object that ought to be attained should be the protection of the wife, and suggested the case should be adjourned for it to be decided in the county court.—Mr. Metcalf: And in the meantime he would clear off.—Mr. Mead said he would require substantial bail.—Mr. Morris, on behalf of accused, said he had a perfect answer to the charge. One of the defences was the woman was the wife of a man living in Russia.—Mr. Mead adjourned the case for a month, and allowed prisoner out on £50 bail.

CHELSEA NIGHT SCENE.

A PARTY OF FIVE WHO TOOK A CAB TO SLOANE-ST.

Charles Mitchell, milkman, of Yeoman's-row, Chelsea, was summoned at Westminster for endeavouring to avoid the payment of a half-crown cab-fare due to John Kington, driver of a 4-wheeled cab; and, further, for smashing 1 of the windows of the vehicle.—Complainant said defendant hailed him near Victoria. Several young women got into the cab, the party numbering 5 in all. He drove them to Sloane-st., where 2 of the girls got out. At the Daisy, Knightsbridge, the others got out by both doors of the cab, and endeavoured to make off. But when defendant saw there was no chance of escape he deliberately put his fists through 1 of the windows. The cabman further stated that from what he could learn he believed the party entered his cab—a rubber-tyred 4-wheeler—for a wager. He heard some talk from the men of the party, who boasted that they could get a ride to Knightsbridge for nothing and have a "smash up" into the bargain.—Defendant now sought to show that the cabman picked up 2 women en route to Sloane-st., and that the window was smashed while they were skylarking.—Mr. De Rutzen said no wonder cabmen complained of being badly treated. He did not believe defendant's explanation, and he would have to pay 19s. 6d., including costs.

HOUNSLOW NEIGHBOURS.

ONE HAS A PUPPY; THE OTHER SOME CHICKENS.

At Brentford, Violet Allen, of Hounslow, was summoned for using threatening language towards Florence Chant.—Prosecutrix said: "Me and Violet Allen are neighbours. I keep a puppy and she keeps chickens. Last Sunday morning I was in my back garden with my puppy and my husband when I see one of Mrs. Chant's chicks come through the fence. Mrs. Chant sent a little boy in for the chick, but I sent him back. Then Mrs. Chant called the boy 'a little fool' for being afraid of me, and sent him back again. I looked over the fence, and says, 'Mrs. Chant, I pave the rent of this garden, so you keep out of it.' To which Mrs. Chant shouted back to me, 'I'll put my fist through your head if you don't send back that chick.' I'm very much afraid of her."—Defendant: Ain't your puppy killed a lot of my chickens?—Witness: No, he ain't. If he has killed any they were not on your premises.—Defendant: I had 65 chicks, and now I

AIN'T GOT MORE THAN 40.

—Witness (to the bench): Since I've took out this summons she's annoyed me by knocking at my door and throwing stones.—Prosecutrix's servant said she heard defendant threaten to "shove her fist down my missus's throat."—Defendant: I don't want to speak to you. I know what you are.—Mr. Chant corroborated his wife's evidence, and added: "She blackguarded my missus dreadfully, said she'd put her fist through my wife's head, and threatened to stick a fork into the puppy."—Defendant: Ain't your wife done my washing for a long time?—Prosecutrix: Yes, I have, and you have told the neighbours how you used to give me a cup of tea.—Defendant's story was that the puppy belonging to the prosecutrix had killed many of her chicks; and that on Sunday morning Mrs. Chant deliberately made a hole in the fence to let one of the chicks get into her garden so that she could set her puppy on it. She said to her, "I'll come and get the chick, Mrs. Chant, but don't set your puppy on it."—The Chairman ((Mr. Peter Watson): It's a pity you neighbours can't agree. Go away and make it up. The case is dismissed.—Prosecutrix: Now she'll play an organ outside my house.

CRICKET.

HASTINGS FESTIVAL.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIANS.

At Hastings yesterday in the first match of the festival, there was no chance of making up for the time lost through bad weather on Friday, and the game was left drawn, the South at the finish wanting only 46 runs to win with 8 wickets to go down. There was a lot more rain during Friday night, and the ground was so soft and wet yesterday morning that nothing could be done till 20 minutes to 1. At that time the South of England, who, in face of a total of 222, had scored 156 for 9 wickets, went on with their innings. Hearne and Richardson, taking full advantage of the fact that the wicket was too soft to help the bowlers, hit away in very lively fashion, and by putting on 36 runs together, carried the South's total to 192 or only 30 runs behind. When the Australians went in for the second time, W. G. Grace, as the result of a strain on Friday, could not field. Donnan and Iredale, the former of whom had the satisfaction of completing his 1,000 runs in England, started well, and at lunch time the score stood at 36 for no wicket. Afterwards, however, with the ground naturally less easy than before, J. T. Hearne and Lohmann carried everything before them, and finished off the innings for 65. This left the South only 96 to get, but as it was impossible to make such a number in the time left for cricket, a draw was certain. So far as they went the South did very well, and when stumps were finally pulled, and the match abandoned, the score was as under. With this match the Australians finished their tour. They sail for America on Tuesday. Scores:—

AUSTRALIANS.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
F. A. Iredale, lbw, b Lohmann	17	c Butt, b Lohmann	[illegible]
H. Donnan, b Lohmann	[illegible]	b Hearne	[illegible]
G. Giffen, b Richardson	[illegible]	c and b Hearne	[illegible]
G. H. S. Trott, b Lohmann	[illegible]	b Lohmann	[illegible]
S. E. Gregory, c Lohmann, b Townsend	[illegible]	c Butt, b Hearne	[illegible]
C. Hill, b Richardson	[illegible]	b Hearne	[illegible]
H. Graham, b Lohmann	[illegible]	c Townsend, b Hearne	[illegible]
J. J. Kelly, b Hayward	[illegible]	c and b Lohmann	[illegible]
H. Trumble, not out	[illegible]	not out	[illegible]
E. Jones, b Richardson	[illegible]	c Townsend, b Hearne	[illegible]
T. R. McKibbin, b Townsend	[illegible]	c Stoddart, b Lohmann	[illegible]
Extras	[illegible]	Extras	[illegible]
Total	222	Total	65

SOUTH OF ENGLAND.

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
W. G. Grace, c Iredale, b McKibbin	[illegible]	c Kelly, b McKibbin	[illegible]
A. E. Stoddart, b McKibbin	[illegible]	c Trott, b McKibbin	[illegible]
Abel, c Donnan, b McKibbin	[illegible]	not out	[illegible]
Hayward, c Gregory, b Giffen	[illegible]		
C. L. Townsend, b McKibbin	[illegible]		
Brockwell, st Kelly, b McKibbin	[illegible]		
Killick, c Kelly, b Giffen	[illegible]		
Lohmann, lbw, b Giffen	[illegible]		
Hearne (J. T.), not out	[illegible]		
Butt, b Giffen	[illegible]		
Richardson, c Jones, b McKibbin	[illegible]		
Extras	[illegible]	Extras	[illegible]
Total	192	Total	[illegible]

SCARBOROUGH FESTIVAL.

YORKSHIRE v. M.C.C. AND GROUND.

The Scarborough Festival has been peculiarly unfortunate this year in the matter of weather, and yesterday the third and concluding fixture had to be left drawn. Thursday was a blank day, but in the time available on Friday, Yorkshire scored 184, and the M.C.C. 100 for the loss of 5 wickets. Rain fell yesterday morning, and the ground, already very soft, was reduced to such a state as to render play impracticable. It was decided to wait until two o'clock in the hope that matters would improve, but at that time there was no choice but to give up the match.

YORKSHIRE.—First Innings.

F. S. Jackson, b Spofforth	70
Tunnicliffe, c Carpenter, b Spofforth	[illegible]
Brown, b Spofforth	[illegible]
Lord Hawke, c Davidson, b Mead	[illegible]
Peel, l b w, b Mead	[illegible]
Moorhouse, not out	[illegible]
Hirst, c Sewell, b Spofforth	[illegible]
Wainwright, c O'Brien, b Spofforth	[illegible]
Smith, b Mead	[illegible]
F. W. Milligan, l b w, b Spofforth	[illegible]
Hunter, b Spofforth	[illegible]
Extras	[illegible]
Total	184

M.C.C.—First Innings.

A. C. Maclaren, b Jackson	[illegible]
A. Hearne, b Jackson	[illegible]
Chatterton, c Hunter, b Jackson	[illegible]
Carpenter, not out	[illegible]
C. O. H. Sewell, c Jackson, b Peel	[illegible]
Storer, c Milligan, b Wainwright	[illegible]
Mead, not out	[illegible]
Extras	[illegible]
Total (for 5 wickets)	100

Sir T. C. O'Brien, Davidson, G. L. Jessop, and F. R. Spofforth did not bat.

FATALITY AT THE EXCHANGE.

Accidental death was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in the case of Charles Dye, who was killed by falling from a scaffold-boat at the Stock Exchange.—None of the witnesses could account for the fall.—G. Jarvis, the general foreman, declared it would be impossible to see what really did occur. Deceased had been a painter and scaffolder for many years, and they were a class of men whose last thought was whether they were in danger or not. They would stand anywhere, sit on a thin plank, and swing themselves round the domes of buildings with greater confidence at a height of 80ft. or 100ft. than anyone else would do at a distance of a foot or two. A scaffolder was provided with every means to ensure his own safety, but not 1 in 100 availed himself of them, and cautions were useless.—A Juror: How would a threat of dismissal work?—Witness: The next man would be as careless and indifferent to danger.

A LADY'S SUIT.

In the Vacation Court, before Justice Chitty, an application was made in the case of Dunn v. the Gordon Hotel Co. (Ltd.).—Plaintiff, a lady resident in the Hotel Metropole, Brighton, asked for an order restraining defendants from ejecting her from the hotel or from otherwise interfering with her residence and occupation of Room 660.—It appeared from the statement of plaintiff's counsel that the lady went into residence in November last, paying her bills weekly. She alleged that there was an entry in the minute-book of the company by which the directors consented to her recognising the hotel as her residence, and this she contended amounted to an agreement which required notice to terminate. She alleged that the action of the proprietors in interfering with her occupation cast a slur upon her, and that a restraining order should be granted.—His lordship refused the injunction, but gave plaintiff leave to serve notice of motion for Wednesday next.

COMPLAINT AGAINST POLICE.

At Bow-st., Mary Bruce, 56, authoress, no home, was charged with disorderly conduct and using obscene language at Broad-st., St. Giles.—Accused, who has been several times before the court, is stated to have seen better days and written several educational books. At 1 in the morning a police-constable found her on a doorstep sleeping in Broad-st. When awakened she promised to go away, but returned again and was found sleeping. When again aroused she, according to the police, used bad language and was disorderly.—Prisoner said she had been very ill, and had only just come out of the infirmary, and had no time to get rooms.—Prisoner accused the constable of having kicked her.—This was denied by the officer.—Insp. Mansfield gave evidence that accused did complain when he visited the cell.—Discharged.

At Friday's meeting of the Sanitary Institute, at Newcastle, Earl Percy deprecated cumulative fines for contravention of the Vaccination Acts. The offender, his lordship said, should be fined for the first offence, and for the second he should be sent to prison as a test of his sincerity. The only alternative would be to take the child out of the parents' hands and vaccinate it compulsorily.

THE VERDICT OF THE MIDLANDS.

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[TU]RF, FIELD, AND RIVER.

By LARRY LYNX.

[... readers] of this article should remember that the [opinions] and suggestions expressed therein are [based] upon the relative merits of the horses en[gaged], and special information obtained concern[ing] them. All bets on minor races should be [made] subject to horses starting, and any sudden [alter]ation in the market against a horse after [the p]ublication of this article shows that some[thing] previously unforeseen has happened in con[nect]ion with the horse which affects the opinion [formed] of him by "Larry Lynx" prior to going to [press.]

[We] are on the eve of the St. Leger, and [the] betting worth calling betting has taken [place]. Persimmon is the ruling favourite, of [cours]e, and he did a most satisfactory rousing [gallo]p with Paris III. and Safety Pin on [Tues]day, in which he acquitted himself ad[mira]bly. It must be remembered, however, [that] neither of his mentors is stayer enough [to g]ive a straight line for the St. Leger. [Regret], at the time of writing, is still in [doub]t. The Duke of Westminster has made [no si]gn regarding his little lot. It may be [take]n for granted, however, that Regret has [not] got over his influenza, and that either [Hel]m or Labrador will carry the "boy in [yello]w." Possibly both may run, and I, re[cogn]ising the fact that Helm is well and [that] September is the mare's month, shall [cast] in my lot with Helm, although my [info]rmation is to the effect that Labrador is [in f]ront of her. I am afraid, however, that [the] St. Leger of 1896 is a one-horse race for [Pers]immon. I can well imagine what a [Yor]kshire roar will rend the air if Persim[mon]'s number goes up. These Tykes, you [kno]w, are thoroughly horsey. They will [wal]k miles after miles to see the "Sellinger" [run], but, given a horse like Persimmon, a son [of] St. Simon and Perdita II., and the pro[per]ty of the Heir Apparent, and they will [shou]t themselves hoarse with acclamations if [the] royal colt gets home. It was not until [the] '60's that Derby winners scored at Don[cas]ter. The race for the St. Leger is the [olde]st of the classics, having been founded [in] 1776, when Lord Rockingham's Allabacula [won]. It was not until 2 years afterwards [tha]t the race received its name, being called [afte]r "handsome Jack Leger." From 1776 [unt]il later years Derby winners found Don[cas]ter laurels hard to obtain. In 1848 Sur[pli]ce, the Derby winner, won at Doncaster, [an]d caused Lord George Bentinck to give ut[ter]ance to that historic "splendid groan" [we] have heard so much about. Then, in 1853, [ca]me West Australian, who swept the classic [boa]rds, and was the first triple-crowned hero. [Ta]king all the circumstances into considera[tio]n, I regard the coming Leger as a one-[ho]rse race, and it seems futile to look beyond

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[fo]r the winner. The Champagne Stakes, that [pro]voked so much excitement when Lord Lyon [an]d Redan ran a dead heat for it in 1866, [is] also a one-horse race, as Mr. Leopold de [R]othschild is hardly likely to run Goletta, [an]d, with that filly out of the way, I fail to [se]e what is to beat Lord Rosebery's beautiful [so]n of Donovan,

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[w]ho, if all goes well with him, seems likely [to] follow in the classic footsteps of his sire.

[...] Derby, as usual, was redolent of big fields, [g]ood management, and all that can make rac[i]ng satisfactory. On Tuesday the Peveril of the Peak Stakes was all the rage. Eighteen started, and it was a real out-and-out Ameri[c]an triumph, and I guess no one with a grain of sense will ever again talk seriously of the decline of the American racehorse. There were 2 of them in it, Wishard and Diakka. The last-named, who is jointly owned by Mr. Pierre Lorillard and Lord William Beresford, won easily from Prince Barcaldine and Hebron. He carried the English colours, and not the cherry and black of Mr. Lorillard. Our service of light-weight jockeys is a small one, and Nat Robinson had to ride, for his own stable, Musley Chief. Of the top-weights, Marco has not retained his last year's Cambridgeshire form, and, although the ground was soft, he cut up badly. Others who ran poorly were Chasseur, The Lombard, and McNeil. Belle of the Wolds found her penalty too much for her, and The Lombard seems to have very much deteriorated since he ran close up third to Victor Wild and Kilcock in the Jubilee Stakes. The success of Diakka was very popular, much more, in fact, than that of Wishard would have been.

Of the lot who did battle in the Champion Breeders' Foal Stakes, the majority were entitled to maiden allowances, and 3 of them had been bought at Baron Hirsch's sale—Ste. Addresse, Rosalys, and Chantilly. Neither did well, and Bluewater, Hampton Wick, Flying Colours, and Restored were the pick of the lot. Bluewater was chopped at the start, and, although she went great guns at the finish, she could not catch Flying Colours and Surety. Teufel, a horse I was once a bit mad on, seems to be getting worse every day. It is wonderful to remember that this son of Despair once got his head in front of St. Frusquin. That form must have been all wrong, or Teufel has trained right off. Otherwise, he would never have succumbed to Literature and Chad. Skill, who did not run at Hurst Park, was served up warm for the Highfield Plate, but Rose Marjorie ran Mr. Cresswell's horse out of it, and won by a length from Lady Lillyard, and brought off an 8 to 1 chance. A good old stayer is Red Virgin. She bolted and ran the full course for the Friary Nursery and then made all the running and won easily from Barrabas and Morissia. Once on a time Mediation and Tender and True were stable companions, and it was strange they should meet in the Portland Plate. It was not an exciting struggle, as Mediation had won her race a long way from home.

Crestfallen has been training on fast, and the style in which he landed the odds betted on him in the Harrington Stakes on Wednesday makes him out to be a good colt. Titaro was wonderfully well handicapped in the Devonshire Nursery, and he showed his appreciation of the handicapper's mercy by winning in a common canter. The little backed Courtier, once the property of H.R.H., beat the well-backed Shemer by a head in the Shipley Hall Selling Plate, and then came a great surprise. After what we have seen of John Porter's horses lately, in the cases of Helm and Labrador, it was not at all surprising that odds were betted on Rampion for the Second Champion Breeders' Biennial Foal Stakes. Morny Cannon could do very little with him, and in a soft-hearted finish he succumbed to Birchrod and His Reverence. Manxman won the Loudoun Selling Plate, and Dingle Bay, being defeated in the Chatsworth Stakes by Bach, somewhat discounted the good opinions he had created by his Great Ebor Handicap victory; possibly he was still suffering from those exertions at York.

The feature of the week's cricket was undoubtedly the record accomplished by Ranjitsinhji in the match between Sussex and Surrey at Brighton. Ranjitsinhji in the 2 innings of Sussex made 48, which brought his aggregate of runs in first-class matches during the year to 2,780. This is the largest number of runs ever obtained by a batsman in one season in first-class matches, beating, as it does, the remarkable aggregate of 2,739 runs made in 1871 by Dr. W. G. Grace. When the game commenced Ranjitsinhji wanted 8 runs to beat record, and when he obtained these after a nervous start the roar of applause that went up showed how closely the public in our days follow the records of the national pastime. Surrey, batting first, made 308, Brockwell 107, Abel 59, Baldwin 59, and W. Read 43, being the chief scorers. Brockwell's brilliant innings included 17 4's, and to obtain his total only occupied 1 hour and a half. Rain interfered with the second day's play, when Sussex were all out for 147, Killick being chief contributor with 41. Of course, Sussex had to follow on, and put together 166, leaving Surrey with but 6 runs to win. Hayes and W. Read soon knocked these up, and Surrey won by 10 wickets.

The Australians received a severe thrashing at Scarborough, where Mr. Thornton's Eleven beat them by the substantial margin of an innings and 38 runs. Thanks to fine batting displays of F. S. Jackson (67), L. C. H. Palairet (71), and Sir T. C. O'Brien (65), Mr. Thornton's team put together 294. The Australians on going in fared badly, and were all out for 116, the feature of the play being the capital stand of G. Trott (33) and J. Kelly (21). Peel bowled with such precision and tact that his analysis read 7 wickets for 53 runs. The visitors, following on, fared badly, and the innings closed at 140, Iredale making 42, Darling 24, and Jones 20.

Owing to unfavourable weather the Lancashire and Warwickshire match was abandoned as a draw, at Manchester. The visitors went in first and completed an innings of 110, W. G. Quaife 37 and W. Quaife 20, being to the fore, and when Lancashire had lost 5 men, with the score at 129, play was stopped. Bad light and rain interfered with the M.C.C. and Ground v. Berkshire match, at Lord's, and when the game was abandoned as a draw Berkshire had been in once and got rid of for 200, and M.C.C. had scored 249 for the loss of 8 wickets, thus leaving the home team with a little advantage.

Unfortunately, rain interfered with the play in the match between Twelve Amateurs against Twelve Professionals, for the veteran C. Absolon's benefit. The beneficiare was present on both days, looking hale and hearty, despite his advanced years, but he must have been somewhat disappointed with the number of spectators that put in an appearance. The Professionals went in first on Monday, and scored 238 for the loss of 10 wickets. It was impossible to make a start till late in the afternoon on Tuesday, and the Professionals declared their innings closed, and put the Amateurs in. The last-named had made 150 runs for the loss of 7 wickets when play was abandoned owing to the bad light.

The curtain has now fallen upon one of the busiest and most remarkable county cricket seasons in the annals of the national pastime, and I give below the summary of results and positions, calculated according to the new method, that is, on the proportion of points (obtained by deducting losses from wins) on the number of finished games:—

	Pl'd.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Yorkshire	26	16	3	7	68
Lancashire	22	11	4	7	46
Middlesex	16	8	3	5	45
Surrey	26	17	7	2	41
Essex	12	5	4	3	11
Notts	16	5	5	6	—
Derbyshire	16	4	6	6	—20
Hampshire	16	5	8	3	—23
Kent	18	5	9	4	—28
Gloucestershire	18	5	10	3	—33
Somerset	16	3	7	6	—40
Warwickshire	18	3	8	7	—45
Leicestershire	14	2	8	4	—60
Sussex	18	2	9	7	—63

It is satisfactory to the cricket world generally to know that the best side won the championship. Yorkshire, except when meeting the Australians, almost invariably played fine cricket, and were a better all-round team than Surrey, by whom, however, they were beaten at the Oval. Curiously enough, the point system does not work out altogether in favour of Yorkshire, as in 26 matches they have won 16 games, while Surrey in a like number of engagements have won 17. Then, again, Lancashire, with a programme of 22, have only won 11, and Middlesex, with 8 victories out of 16, are also placed above Surrey. Still, there must be a hard and fast system, and Yorkshire thoroughly deserve the honours they have gained.

The German Football Association team, which arrived at Queenborough, from Germany, on Tuesday, opened their tour at Sheerness in the evening with a match against Sheppey United. The foreigners, although overmatched, played pluckily, but opened their tour with the heavy defeat of 9 goals to 0. The German team is composed of: S. Schlee, goal; W. Yoo and H. Krussenbaum, backs; A. Hinze, R. Backmeister, and H. Yung, half-backs; J. Weindenfeld and W. Schlecting, right wing; G. Backmeister, centre; L. Hofmann and W. Otten, left wing (forwards).

Without a doubt, the recent cash prize meeting at Wood Green provided one of the best afternoon's sport that the professors have given us, this season, at all events. In only one instance was absolute loafing resorted to, the cause being a visitor from across the streak who would not take his turn in the van.

The judge had a rather lively time of it, as on several occasions his decisions did not by any means please the spectators. The official verdict is final, and it is in bad taste to openly dispute it, but one could not help thinking that the judge on this particular occasion made more than one mistake.

The Polytechnic 100 miles time trials at Catford produced very poor sport, whilst the 50 miles South Roads championship at Herne Hill was not a great deal better. The former event ended in a victory for A. C. Pearce, a comparatively unknown man, but the latter was a foregone conclusion for W. Ellis. Despite a big breeze the last-named managed to push a 104 gear all the way.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION.

SEQUEL TO A MEETING AT CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

Charles Cook, 36, scaffolder, Barmore-st., Battersea, was summoned at S.W. Court for unlawfully taking Beatrice Louisa Green, aged 15 years and 11 months, from the control of her guardian, Mrs. Green, wife of the landlord of the Lord Elcho beerhouse, York-rd., Battersea.—Mrs. Green stated that she had taken charge of the girl since her mother's death 6 years ago. Defendant was a customer at the house. On Aug. 20 the girl ran away from the house, and witness had not seen her since.—Mrs. Sponder, Silverthorne-rd., Wandsworth-rd., said that on the same day defendant brought the girl to the house, and left her there, paying for her board and lodging.—Mr. Lane: Did you understand they were engaged?—Witness: Yes, sir.—Mr. Lane (to defendant): Are you?—Defendant: Certainly not. I only acted the part of a friend.—Mr. Lane: A friend! You are acting a very bad friend to her. How can she live? She can't get employment, and she will only destroy her character.—Louisa Green, the girl, was called. She denied that she was engaged to defendant. She refused to go back to her aunt's, because her aunt knocked her about, and told her to go. Defendant had tried to induce her to go back, but she refused.—Mr. Lane: Why do you go on taking money from him?—The Girl: I shall get employment.—Mr. Lane: Nonsense; you will be asked for references, and your aunt will say you ran away from home with a man.—Mrs. Green denied having treated the girl cruelly.—Det.-sergt. Winzar stated that defendant absolutely refused to give him the address of the girl.—Defendant said he accidentally met the girl in Clapham Junction tunnel, tried to persuade her to go home, and, finding her obstinate, found lodgings for her.—Remanded on bail.

THE DALSTON RIOT.

At N. London, William Devenish, 20, packing-case maker, Westmoreland-pl., City-rd.; Arthur Foster, 35, labourer, Wilmer Gardens, Kingsland-rd.; and Harry Lamb, 19, labourer, Dunloe-st., Shoreditch, were charged on remand with having been concerned in the riot which took place at Shrubland-rd., Dalston. The facts have already been fully reported. Mr. Taylor committed all prisoners for trial, but offered to accept bail—1 surety in £100 each for Devenish and Lamb, and 1 in £50 for Foster.

At Aldershot, Capt. W. M'Neill, aide-de-camp to the Duke of Connaught, was fined 6d. and 9s. costs, for allowing an unmuzzled dog to be at large at Farnborough.

The G.W. Railway Co. announce that on Sept. 14 a cheap day excursion to Newbury, Winchester, and Southampton, with bookings to include a trip round the Isle of Wight, will leave Paddington at 7 a.m.

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POSTMAN'S CONFESSION.

SMART EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Henry Barfield was charged at Bow-st. with stealing 2 registered postal packages.—Mr. Osborn, who prosecuted on behalf of the Postmaster-general, stated that prisoner was formerly in the Royal Fusiliers. On March 1, 1894 he was discharged from the Army with a good character and joined the First-class Army Reserve. He subsequently became a postman, and was attached to the Mount Pleasant depot, Clerkenwell. On Aug. 4 he and a man named Holloway were sent out to deliver some parcels.

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These included 2 registered and other packages addressed to Cook and Son. Prisoner delivered what appeared to be the least important of the parcels addressed to Messrs. Cook, but allowed the registered packages to remain on the barrow. He accounted for this to Holloway by saying that after he had done his work he wanted to make an inquiry at Messrs. Cook's respecting a tourist ticket, and did not care to do so unless he took something in with him by way of an excuse. He then sent Holloway to deliver some parcels at Ludgate Hill. When Holloway returned

PRISONER WAS MISSING,

and it soon became evident that the latter had taken with him the 2 registered packages referred to. One of these contained notes and coin to the value of £415, and the other hotel coupons and vouchers for £158.- Det. Johnson, of the G.P.O., made inquiries into the matter, and found that prisoner had bought 2 tickets for Boston from Messrs. Gaze, tourist agents, at Liverpool, for £18. Prisoner sailed in the Pavonia, accompanied by a young woman who was supposed to be his wife. They were registered as "Mr. and Mrs. Bewley." When prisoner arrived at Boston he was arrested, a cablegram from England having preceded him. He made a clean breast of the matter, and gave up to the British Consul the remainder of the proceeds of the robbery. Prisoner was sent back to England on the same vessel he departed in (the Pavonia), and was arrested at Queenstown by Det. Johnson. When told what he was charged with he said, "I have spent about £60 out of it. The remainder I handed to the British Consul at Boston. I threw 1 of the parcels into the water when crossing the river at Woolwich."—Mr. Osborn added that the latter statement was quite true. The coupons contained in the second parcel were found in the river near Woolwich, and had been restored to Messrs. Cook.—Det. Johnson having given evidence, prisoner was remanded.

A PIE-THIEF.

PUNISHED FOR HELPING HIMSELF TO MEAT PIES.

Frederick Palmer, 30, whose home is nowhere, appears to have a weakness for meat pies and sausages. He also appears to be possessed of an idea that if he has no money to purchase these delicacies he has a sort of right to help himself. This, according to a confectioner's assistant named Ada Ward, is what he did this week. He entered the shop of F. Chapman, Upper Baker-st., and asked for some bread. Miss Ward was behind the counter, and she replied that she had none to give. He thereupon abused her and said he would help himself, and took from the window as many pies, &c., as he could hold in his hands and walked out of the shop. She followed him, and upon meeting P.C. Taylor gave the prisoner into custody. All the way to the station prisoner abused her, and threatened what he would do when he came out of gaol. At Marylebone P.C. Taylor said that when prisoner was handed over to him and told the charge he said, "Yes, governor.

I WAS HUNGRY.

I went in and asked for some bread, and the young woman would not give me any, so I said to her, 'Then I will help myself,' and I did so." On the way to the station he added, "When I come out again—I have got that shop marked—I will do the same thing again, I don't intend to go hungry any more, and if people won't give to me I will take."—Palmer said, in reply to the magistrate, that he met 1 or 2 chaps that he knew, and they gave him some drink which, taken on an empty stomach, overcame him. It was true he went into the shop, but with no intention of stealing. He was tempted in an unguarded moment, and gave way.—It was denied both by the assistant and the constable that prisoner was in the least intoxicated.—Mr. Newton remarked that prisoner did not look like a starving man, and sentenced him to 6 weeks' hard labour.

FATAL FIRE.

BRAVE ACTION OF A CLERK AT VAUXHALL.

An inquiry was held at Lambeth Coroner's Court on Charles Stacey, 2, son of a general labourer, Glynn-st., Vauxhall, who was burned to death.—Emma Stacey, the mother, deposed that she left the child in its cot, within reach of a cupboard in which was a box of matches. On her return she heard that the child had got hold of the matches and burned himself.—R. Short, clerk, deposed that he was passing the house and saw flames issuing from the window of the room. He burst in the door, rushed into the blazing room, and found the child enveloped in flames. Witness cut off the burning clothes from it, rushed downstairs, and had it taken to St. Thomas's Hospital, where life was found to be extinct. In putting the fire out in the room witness also seriously burned his face and hands.—Coroner: It was certainly a most heroic action on your part.—The Jury: Hear, hear.—Coroner: And if you are at any loss I will pay it myself.—Witness: I have been compensated.—Juror: So you deserve to be.—Dr. Kent, of the hospital, deposed that death was due to shock from the burns.—Verdict, accidental death.

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A WIFE'S REVENGE.

SERIOUS CHARGE OF STEALING AND RECEIVING.

At Thames Court, Joshua Morris, 29, horsekeeper, and Edward Lutt, 34, carman, were charged with stealing a quantity of tartaric acid and 4lo. of essence of lemon, value £2 16s., the property of Harris Marks; and James Thompson, ginger beer manufacturer, and Samuel Bailey, master carman, were charged with receiving the same, well knowing it to have been stolen.—The discovery of the thefts arose in a most curious fashion. On the previous night Lutt charged his wife with assault, she having thrown a teacup at him and cut his forehead. When placed in the cells she said, "Well, I'm not going

TO SPEND THE NIGHT ALONE.

If my husband charges me I'll charge him." She gave certain information to the police, in consequence of which the 4 prisoners were arrested. When her husband was placed in the dock at the police station she said, "Well, old man, it will be a long time before you come home and give me another hiding."—Harris Marks, E. India Docks-rd., mineral water manufacturer, said that about midnight a constable gave him certain information, and they went together to a place in Spring Gardens, Stepney, where Thompson kept a shop for the sale of sweets and mineral waters. Thompson admitted that he had purchased 16½lb. of acid that afternoon for 6s. Defendant was given into custody. Bailey was next arrested at Armagh-rd., Old Ford. In his kitchen witness noticed 2 jars, one containing ginger and the other tartaric acid, which witness recognised as his own property. Bailey said, "I

NEVER SAW THE MAN WHO SOLD IT

me but once, and then I bought this acid of him." When the man came a second time he refused to purchase anything more from him. On witness's return to the police station he found the other 2 prisoners, Morris and Lutt, were there. They had both been in his service. A large quantity of acid and essence of lemon had been missing since Aug. 14 last.—P.C. 508 K deposed to finding a bottle of essence of lemon in the rooms of prisoner Lutt.—The defence on behalf of Bailey and Thompson was that they were both respectable men. They had been in business nearly 30 years, and had been led to believe by Lutt that he had purchased the acid at a sale, and that the price paid was not a feloniously low one.—Mr. Dickinson discharged these 2 men; but this case would, he said, be a caution to them not to buy off strangers in this indiscriminate fashion.—Morris and Lutt, who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment.

THE KNIFE AGAIN.

TWO MEN SENT TO PRISON FOR STABBING IN LAMBETH.

At Southwark, before Mr. Slade, William Richards, 32, dealer, of Little Surrey-st., and John Roberts, 19, portmanteau-maker, of Gray-st., Waterloo-rd., were charged with being disorderly by fighting and using obscene language. Richards was further charged with stabbing Thomas Girdle in the thigh.—P.C. 258 L said that at 11.30 the previous night when in Waterloo-rd. he saw prisoners fighting. As they would not go away when requested they were locked up, and when at the station a man named Girdle preferred a charge of malicious wounding against Richards.

STRUGGLE WITH THE POLICE.

—P.C. Thomas said he heard screams of several people, and upon being informed that someone had been stabbed he went to where Richards was struggling with Girdle. Girdle shouted out, "Catch hold of him; and look out, as he is using a knife"; and seeing a knife in Richards's hand witness seized his arm and took him into custody.—Thomas Girdle, groom, of Waterloo-rd., said that he was proceeding home with several friends, when prisoners came up, and Richards struck him on the chest with his fist, knocking him down. While on the ground Roberts kicked him, and when witness got up Richards struggled with him, during which he was stabbed in the thigh.

A FRIEND OF PROSECUTOR.

—Alfred Cox stated that he was walking along London-rd. with Mrs. Girdle, when she said, "There they are." At the same time he received a violent blow behind the ear, and upon turning round saw Richards squared up to fight, and Roberts flourishing a knife in his hand. Witness defended himself as well as possible with his umbrella, and a constable came up, but refused to take the men into custody. Later in the evening he was in Waterloo-rd. in company with Girdle and a few friends, when the prisoners again "set upon" him and Girdle. Witness hit out with his umbrella, and he thought it "got home" on Richards's head. He saw Girdle knocked down, and when the constables came the men were arrested.

EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE.

—For the defence, Richards called Maria Herbert, who stated that Girdle "claimed" Billy Richards by the throat, and hit him on the head with a bludgeon.—Det.-sergt. Gray said that Richards was a convict on license, and he had warned him in April last by order of the Home Secretary.—P.S. 41 L said that on July 23 Roberts was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for stabbing.—Mr. Slade sentenced Richards to 6 weeks' hard labour, and Roberts to 1 month.

A HOLIDAY WITH 6 GIRLS.

Edward Trevelyan, 42, glazier, was charged with being concerned with another man not in custody in stealing £10, the moneys of Joseph Dench.—Prosecutor is a dealer in sawdust, living in Craven-st., Shoreditch, and prisoner, with his wife and family, lodged in the same house. Prosecutor went out for a Bank Holiday excursion, and took, he said, 6 girls with him, providing for the day's expenses £5, part of £15 which he had in the house. The other £10 he left in a purse in a drawer in the room he occupied in the house. He locked the door and left all safe, but on returning at night discovered that the room had entered by forcing the window, and though nothing had been disturbed the purse and money were gone. His suspicion fell upon prisoner, because he was always wandering about the house, and things had been missed from the yard. He found prisoner the next day, and accused him, but before anything could be done prisoner absconded.—Remanded.

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LOBANOFF DEAD.

EXPIRES SUDDENLY IN THE CZAR'S TRAIN.

Prince Lobanoff, Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, died this week in the railway carriage in which he was travelling to Kieff from Vienna, in company with the Czar and Czarina. The death occurred at Scheptowka, about 100 miles from Kieff, at 8.30 in the evening. The Czar at once summoned M. Shishkine, who was Prince Lobanoff's immediate assistant and deputy, to Kieff. The business of the Foreign Ministry in St. Petersburg will be discharged by Count Lamsdorff, a high official in that department.

PRINCE LOBANOFF.

During Prince Lobanoff's stay in Vienna he felt unwell, and complained of difficulty of breathing, which he attributed to calcification of the arteries, and said that he hoped to go through a course of massage at Breslau or Dresden. When the Prince went with Count Eulenburg to visit Count Nigra, he had an attack of faintness, and nearly lost consciousness. At the time of his death he had just left the train to escort the Czar for a walk, when he was seized with faintness, and being carried back to the train died at once.

HIS CAREER.

Prince Lobanoff Rostovsky was born in 1824, and at the age of 21 entered the Imperial Russian Service, and celebrated on May 29 of last year the jubilee of his entrance into the service, when the Czar presented him with the insignia in diamonds of the Order of St. Andrew. One of his earliest appointments was as Conseiller at Constantinople, in the days before the establishment of a Russian Embassy there. He was soon afterwards appointed by Count Timacheff to a district governorship in Russia, from which he was promoted to the important post of Under-secretary of the Interior. Returning to foreign affairs, he was appointed Ambassador to London. From London he was transferred to Vienna in 1882. It was here that he was instrumental in averting a war between his country and Austria. With respect to more recent events, Prince Lobanoff's firm touch of the diplomatic keys was manifested during the peace negotiations which followed the China-Japanese war. Owing to his policy, the Japanese had to forego all claim to the mainland of China. In Turkey the influence of Prince Lobanoff made itself manifest in the suppression of Armenian aspirations. On the death of M. de Giers in 1895, Prince Lobanoff was appointed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a post which was the ambition of his life. He was unmarried.

AN ALLEGED IMPOSTOR.

Thomas Duckett, 48, well dressed, commission agent, with no fixed abode, was, at Westminster, charged with obtaining 30s. by false pretences from Louisa Blackman, of Moreton-pl., Pimlico, and, further, with attempting to obtain a suit of clothes, and other property, valued at £4, from the same address on Aug. 31.—The evidence of prosecutrix was to the effect that she kept a boarding-house, one of her lodgers being Mr. Davy, master at St. Stephen's Schools, Rochester-row. In March last she received a note purporting to be from Mr. Davy at the schools, saying that he had left his purse at home, and asking for the loan of a sovereign. Prisoner was the messenger, and she gave him the money. In a few minutes he returned, saying the money was not enough, that Mr. Davy was extremely sorry to trouble her, and would she be good enough to send another 10s. She did so, and when Mr. Davy returned she found that she had been deceived, and that the letter she had received was in prisoner's handwriting from beginning to end. In the following month prisoner called upon her. He brought his wife and a friend, and so sincere did his expressions of regret and sorrow appear that she refrained from proceeding against him. This week a boy brought her a letter apparently signed by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. W. H. G. Twining, informing her that the master (Mr. Davy) had unfortunately upset a bottle of red ink over his coat and vest, and asking her to send others, with an umbrella. She was suspicious, and sent the boy for a policeman, who, after a chase, effected prisoner's arrest.—Prisoner covered his face during the hearing of the evidence, and wept the whole time.—Asked whether he had anything to say, he replied that he only begged for mercy.—Committed for trial.

POLICEMAN IN FEMALE ATTIRE.

Alfred Hurst, 30, bootmaker, of 74, Seymour-st., Bryanstone-sq., was charged on remand at Highgate with indecent behaviour in Churchyard Bottom Wood.—The evidence showed that on account of numerous complaints from the inhabitants of Onslow Gardens, Muswell Hill-rd., P.C.'s Powell and Eaton were placed in the wood in plain clothes to see if they could capture a man who repeatedly behaved improperly there. They saw prisoner in the wood, and, after watching his behaviour, P.C. Eaton, who is a clean-shaven, good-looking young officer, proceeded to one of the houses. He appeared at a back window in female attire, and prisoner attracted his attention and repeated his disgusting behaviour, while Powell watched him through some bushes. He was arrested, and a brass knuckle-duster and some indecent photographs were found on him.—Mr. Pierron appeared for prisoner, who is a married man, keeping a shop.—The defence was an absolute denial, and witnesses gave prisoner the character of "a perfect gentleman."—3 months' hard labour.

At an inquest on J. Marrigan, stonemason, Pevensey-rd., Wanstead, who first cut his throat before a looking-glass and held his head over a pail into which his blood poured, and then, not dying quick enough, hanged himself in his scullery, a verdict of temporary insanity was returned.

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NAVY STATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER.

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Abyssinia, East Indies
Achilles, Portsmouth
Active, Training Squad.
Acorn, S.E.C. America
Æolus, China
Agamemnon, Dvnport.
Agincourt, Chatham
Ajax, Chatham
Alacrity, China
Alarm, Chatham
Albacore, Prticlr. serv.
Alberta, Portsmouth
Alecto, Cape of G. Hope and W.C. of Africa
Alert, Chatham
Alexandra, Portland
Algerine, Devonport
Algiers, Chatham
Amphion, Devonport
Andromache, Chatham
Anson, Mediterranean
Ant, Portsmouth
Antelope, Devonport
Apollo, Chatham
Archer, China
Ardent, Mediterranean
Arethusa, Chatham
Asia, Portsmouth
Assaye, E. Indies Sqdn.
Astræa, Mediterranean
Audacious, Chatham
Aurora, Devonport
Australia, Southamptn.
Banshee, Devonport
Barfleur, Mediterranean
Barham, Portsmouth
Barracouta, S.E. C. of America
Barrosa, C. of G. Hope and W.C. of Africa
Basilisk, S.E.C. of Am.
Beagle, Portsmouth
Belleisle, Devonport
Bellerophon, Devonport
Bellona, Channel Squad.
Benbow, Greenock
Black Prince, Qnstown.
Blake, Channel Squadrn.
Blanche, Mediterranean
Blenheim, Chan. Squad.
Blonde, Cape of G.H. and W.C. of Africa
Boadicea, Portsmouth
Bonaventure, E. Indies
Boomerang, Australia
Boscawen, Portland
Boxer, Portsmouth
Brilliant, Chatham
Brisk, E. Indies, tempy.
Britannia, Dartmouth
Briton, Inverness
Bruiser, Portsmouth
Buzzard, N. Am. & W.I.
Caledonia, Queensferry
Calliope, Portsmouth
Calypso, Training Sq.
Cambrian, Mediterranean
Cambridge, Devonport
Camperdown, Mediterranean
Castor, North Shields
Centurion, flgshp, China
Champion, Training Sq.
Charybdis, Chan. Squad.
Charger, Portsmouth
Circe, Harwich
Cleopatra, Chatham
Clyde, Aberdeen
Cockatrice, Mediterranean
Cockchafer, Qnsferry.
Collingwood, Mediterranean
Colossus, Holyhead
Comus, Pacific
Conqueror, Devonport
Conquest, Devonport
Conflict, Sheerness
Cordelia, A. Am. & W.I.
Cossack, East Indies
Crescent, N. Am. & W.I.
Cruiser, Mediterranean
Curacoa, Devonport
Curlew, Devonport
Cyclops, Chatham
Dædalus, Reserve
Daphne, China
Daring, Portsmouth
Dart, Australia, Survy.
Dasher, Portsmouth
Decoy, Chan. Squadron
Defiance, Devonport
Devastation, Devonport
Dolphin, Mediterranean
Dragon, Chatham
Dreadnought, Bantry
Dryad, Mediterranean
Duke of Wellington, Portsmouth
Durham, Leith
Eagle, Liverpool
Eclipse, Portsmouth
Edgar, on passage home
Edinburgh, Coastguard ship, Queensferry
Elfin, Portsmouth
Empress of India, Chan. Squadron (flagship)
Enchantress, Prtsmth
Endymion, Par. service
Esk, China
Excellent, Portsmouth
Fearless, Mediterranean
Ferret, Devonport
Firebrand, China
Fire Queen, Prtsmth.
Flora, Devonport
Forte, Mediterranean
Forth, Devonport
Fox, Cape of Good Hope and W.C. Africa
Galatea, Hull
Ganges, Falmouth
Gibraltar, Particlar ser.
Glatton, Portsmouth
Gleaner, Mediterranean
Goldfinch, Australia
Gorgon, Devonport
Gossamer, Chatham
Grafton, China
Grasshopper, Chatham
Griper, Cape of G. Hope
Halcyon, Channel Sq.
Handy, Channel Sqad.
Hart, Particular serv.
Harrier, Devonport
Havock, Portsmouth
Hawke, Mediterranean
Hazard, Devonport
Hearty, Special Service
Hebe, Mediterranean
Hecate, Devonport
Hecla, Portsmouth
Herald, Cape and W.C. of Africa
Hercules, Portsmouth
Hermione, Prticlr. ser.
Hero, Portsmouth
Hibernia, Malta
Hood, Mediterranean
Hornet, Portsmouth
Hotspur, Chatham
Howe, Mediterranean
Humber, China
Hussar, Devonport
Hydra, Sheerness
Icarus, Pacific
Immortalité, China
Imogene, Mediterranean
Imperieuse, Pacific flagship
Impregnable, Devonp't
Inconstant, Devonport
Indefatigable, Prtsmth.
Indus, Devonport
Inflexible, Portsmouth
Intrepid, N.A. and W. Indies
Invincible, Portsmouth
Iphigenia, Portsmouth
Iris, Portsmouth
Iron Duke, Prtsmouth.
Jackal, Particular ser.
Janus, Sheerness
Jaseur, Chatham
Jason, Particular ser.
Karrakatta, Australian waters
Katoomba, Australia
Kite, Portsmouth
Landrail, Sheerness
Lapwing, East Indies
Latona, Portsmouth
Leander, Chatham, to pay off
Leda, Southampton
Liberty, Devonport
Liffey, Coquimbo
Lightning, Channel Sq.
Linnet, China
Lion, Devonport
Lizard, Australia
Lynx, Devonport
Magdala, Bombay
Magicienne, N. Am. and W.I.
Magnet, Portsmouth
Magnificent, Chan. Sq.
Magpie, C. of G. Hope and W. C. of Africa
Majestic, Chanl. Squad.
Malabar, Portsmouth
Marathon, East Indies
Martin, Portsmouth
Medea, Southampton
Medusa, North Shields
Melita, Mediterranean
Melpomene, Prtsmth.
Melampus, Kingstown
Mercury, Portsmouth
Mersey, Harwich
Mildura, Australia
Minerva, Chatham
Minotaur Training Ship for Boys, Portland
Mohawk, N. Amer. and West Indies
Monarch, Chatham
Mosquito, Cape and W. C. of Africa
Niad, Portsmouth
Narcissus, China
Nautilus, Devonport
Nelson, Prticlr. service
Neptune, Portsmouth
Niger, Queensferry, N.B
Nile, Mediterranean
Northampton, Training ship for Home Station
Northumberland, Devonport
Nymphe, Portsmouth
Onyx, Harwich
Opossum, Devonport
Orion, Malta
Orlando, Australia
Osborne, Portsmouth
Pallas, N. A. and West Indies
Paluma, Colonial surv. serving in Australia
Partridge, North America and West Indies
Peacock, China
Pearl, Devonport
Pelican, N. Am. and W. Indies
Pembroke, Chatham
Penelope, Simon's Bay
Penguin, Surveying
Phaeton, Devonport
Pheasant, Pacific
Philomel, Cape and West Coast of Africa
Phœbe, Cape and W. C. of Africa
Phœnix, Devonport
Pigeon, East Indies
Pigmy, China
Pilot, Devonport
Pique, China
Plassy, East Indies
Plover, China
Polyphemus, Mediterranean
Porcupine, Chatham
Porpoise, China
President, West India Docks
Prince Albert, Devonport
Prince George, Prtsmth.
Pylades, Australia
Racer, Devonport
Racoon, C. of G. Hope
Rainbow, China
Raleigh, Devonport
Rambler, surveying
Ramillies, Mediterranean flagship of commander-in-chief
Rapid, Australia
Rattler, China
Rattlesnake, Prtsmth.
Raven, Chanl. Islands
Redbreast, East Indies
Redpole, China
Redwing, Queensferry
Renard, Holyhead
Renown, Devonport
Repulse, Chanl. Squad.
Research, Surveying
Resolution, Chan. Sqad.
Retribution, S.E. Coast of America
Revenge, Particular ser.
Ringarooma, Australia
Ringdove, Australia
Rocket, Particular ser.
Rodney, in Mediterranean
Royal Arthur, on passage home
Royal Oak, Particular service
Royal Sovereign, Channel Squadron
Royalist, Australia
Rupert, Mediterranean
St. George, flagship, Cape of Good Hope
Salamander, Devonport
Salmon, Chan. Squad.
Sandfly, Mediterranean
Sans Pareil, Sheerness
Sappho, Chatham
Satellite, Pacific
Scorpion, Bermuda
Scout, Mediterranean
Scylla, Mediterranean
Seagull, Portsmouth
Seaflower, Portland
Seahorse, Particular service
Sealark, Queensferry
Seamew, Harwich
Severn, Chatham
Shannon, Devonport
Shark, Particular ser.
Sharpshooter, Channel Squadron
Sheldrake, Hull
Sirius, Devonport
Skate, Particular ser.
Skipjack, Mediterranean
Snapper, Particular ser.
Sparrow, Cape and West Coast of Africa
Spanker, Devonport
Spartan, China, tempy.
Speedwell, Devonport
Speedy, Chan. Squad.
Sphinx, East Indies
Spider, Devonport
St. Vincent, Prtsmth.
Starling, Particular ser.
Starfish, Particular ser.
Stork, Surveying
Sturgeon, Chan. Sqad.
Sultan, Portsmouth
Sunfish, Chan. Squad.
Superb, Chatham
Surly, Portsmouth
Surprise, Mediterranean
Swallow, Sheerness
Swift, China
Swiftsure, Portsmouth
Sybille, Mediterranean
Talbot, Devonport
Tamar, Hong Kong
Tartar, North America and West Indies
Tauranga, Australia
Temeraire, Devonport
Terpsichore, Chatham
Terror, Bermuda
Thames, Devonport
Theseus, Particular service
Thetis, Chatham
Thrush, Cape and W.C. of Africa
Thunderer, Pembroke Dock
Torch, Sheerness
Trafalgar, Mediterranean
Traveller, Devonport
Tribune, Chatham
Triton, Surveying home station
Triumph, Devonport
Tweed, Hong Kong
Tyne, Particular service
Undaunted, China
Unicorn, Dundee
Urgent, Jamaica
Vernon, Portsmouth
Vesuvius, Portsmouth
Victor Emanuel, Hong Kong
Victoria and Albert, Portsmouth
Victorious, Chatham
Victory, Portsmouth
Vivid, Devonport
Volage, Training Squad
Vulcan, Particular ser.
Wallaroo, Australia
Wanderer, Portland
Warspite, Queenstown
Waterwitch, Australia, surveying
Wave, Dartmouth
Widgeon, Cape and West Coast of Africa
Wildfire, Sheerness
Wild Swan, Pacific
Wivern, Hong Kong
Wye, Particular service

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"A PUBLIC SCANDAL."

James Newman, 12, of Barrett's Buildings, Horton-st., was charged at North London with stealing 2 bottles of lemonade from a van in transit in the Kingsland-rd.—P.C. Jones caught the boy in the act, and the offence was not disputed.—The father said the boy was a good boy at home. He had been sent to school, but was sent home because his clothes were not good enough. When he had better clothes and his mother took him to the school the master said they were full.—The magistrate said to the father that the right of free education having been given to every child, if what he said was true it was a public scandal. The magistrate then accepted the father's bail for the appearance of the boy if called upon to further answer the charge, and directed Warrant-sergt. Popham to make inquiries.

A court-martial sentenced John Richards, stoker of the Victory, to 18 months' hard labour and dismissal from the Navy for striking his superior officer.

PERSONAL.

WILL the Person who advertised (or anyone who can give particulars of advertisement) regarding the Pegg family, write John Pegg, 19, Albany-street, South Shields?

LOBB.

IF the CHILDREN of MARY ANN LOBB (formerly Toser) will communicate with Messrs. Whites and Co., Solicitors, 23, Budge-row, London, E.C., they will hear of something to their advantage.

KINSELLA.

IF MISS KINSELLA, who was recently in a situation in Surrey, will communicate with Mr. GEORGE JACKSON, 33, Witherington-road, Highbury, London, she will hear of something to her advantage.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
PROBATE, DIVORCE, AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION (DIVORCE).
HINCHCLIFFE (GEORGE DYSON)
v.
HINCHCLIFFE (MARTHA)
and
TEALE (JOHN HENRY)

TO MARTHA HINCHCLIFFE late of Brunswick-place Bradford in the County of York

Take Notice that a citation has been issued in this Division citing you to appear and answer the petition of George Dyson Hinchcliffe of Bank-street Ossett in the County of York praying for a dissolution of marriage In default of your so appearing you will not be allowed to address the Court and the Court will proceed to hear the said petition proved and pronounce sentence in respect thereto And take further notice that for the purpose aforesaid you are within 14 days after the date of this publication to attend in person or by your Solicitor at the Divorce Registry Somerset House Strand London and there enter an appearance in a book provided for that purpose

D. W. OWEN
Registrar.

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ALL Persons forwarding a stamped envelope for reply will be informed whether any specified name occurs in our complete and up-to-date Registry of Persons advertised for in connection with Money or Property since 1700, absolutely FREE of CHARGE.—STONE and CO., Savoy House, 115, Strand, London. Wills, Births, Marriages, and Deaths searched for.

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MATRIMONIAL.

MATRIMONY.—Lady, nice-looking, good position, with large means, wishes to marry; replies must contain full particulars in confidence.—Box 30, Advertiser Office, Bristol.

PUBLICAN, 24, tall and dark, wishes to correspond with respectable Domestic, with small means, view early marriage; no agents.—Collin, Royal Oak, Eastney, Portsmouth.

ADVERTISER, 37, respectable, domesticated, no means, would like to correspond with honourable Man, view matrimony; agents ignored; genuine.—K. S., Box 2,277, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

LADY, age 27, desires early marriage with Gentleman, means not absolutely essential; advertiser has £156 per annum and capital at bankers.—Miss Grace, 107, Luton-road, Chatham.

MERCHANT, 34, in good circumstances, wishes to correspond with an educated Christian Lady in similar position.—Address, Honourable, Box 2,361, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONIAL.—Letters, parcels, &c., may be addressed c.o. "London Letter Bureau," 131, Jermyn-street, S.W. Telegrams, "Owlight, London," and can again be forwarded to any address.

HOUSEKEEPER, superior, domesticated, over 40, nice looking, desires correspondence with Gentleman, 50 to 60, in good position, view matrimony.—E. G., 5, Norfolk-road, Westbourne-grove, W.

MATRIMONY.—Two friends are desirous of meeting with Gentlemen, in fair position, view matrimony; Dot, 29, dark; Lou, 22, fair.—D. L., Box 2,326, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

THE MATRIMONIAL BUREAU.

UNLIMITED introductions given direct to bona fide clients; marriages arranged daily.—Write or call, 7, Featherstone-buildings, Holborn, London.

MATRIMONY.—A business Man wishes to correspond with a good Domestic Servant, age from 22 to 40.—Address, B. A., Box 2,333, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MATRIMONY.—Working Farmer's Son, 36, without means, desires to meet Lady with small capital, view early marriage.—Hare, Box 2,319, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

YOUNG WIDOW LADY, musician, desires to meet Gentleman who would take few lessons on Pianoforte, view to eventual matrimony.—Y. R., Box 2,342, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

A BACHELOR, age 36, with a daily increasing business in a splendid neighbourhood, wishes to meet with a Lady to join him, with about £400 cash.—Address, A. V., Box 2,339, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

WIDOW, 40, no encumbrance, wishes to correspond with respectable Mechanic, same age, small means, view matrimony.—T. M., c.o. Hutchinson, Stationer, 1, Kensal-road, Westbourne Park.

AUSTRALIAN Orphan Girl, 23, being lonely, wishes for Husband to protect and love her; income £1,800, large house abroad, means not essential, pretty; no agents.—Y., c.o. Saunders' Library, 236, Belsize-road, N.W.

FARMER, 28, wishes to make the acquaintance of Lady, 21 to 28, with little means, farmer or tradesman's daughter, with view to early marriage.—Write, in confidence, J., Box 2,364, "People," Arundel-street, Strand, London. Agents ignored.

A LADY, 35, domesticated and musical, would be glad to correspond with some refined and honourable Man, from 40 to 45 years of age.—Address, Miss Butler, c.o. A. Middleton, Station-road, Willesden, W.

YOUNG LADY, affectionate, musical, will have a good fortune, wishes to correspond with clergyman, an elderly Gentleman, or Widower.—Address, D. W., Box 2,260, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

RESPECTABLE, steady young Man, aged 24, abstainer, having saved £70, would like to make the acquaintance of young Lady with small means, with early view of marriage; genuine.—B. A., Box 2,275, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

ADVERTISER, 35, with good business in West-end of London, wishes to correspond with Lady, with means, view matrimony; any disparity in age cordially entertained; no agents; highest references.—A. Steward, c.o. Kelly's Library, Shaftesbury-avenue, London.

A BONA-FIDE MEDIUM.

MATRIMONY.—A reliable register of introductions for all who wish to marry. No fees of any kind whatever before or after marriage. Specimen copy sent on receipt of 2 stamps and addressed envelope.—Address, P. Cox, Advertising Offices, 18, High Holborn, London, W.C.

A GENTLEMAN, 45, of good appearance, with £300 a year, and no encumbrance, would be pleased to meet with a suitable Lady, with about the same means, view to early marriage; an early interview desired; no agents; genuine and confidential.—H. F. S., 2,352, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

MECHANIC, steady, tall, dark, age 27, just received a large sum of money from abroad, and also having a good banking account, would like to hear from young Lady, 22 to 30, or Widow, with small income or good prospects, with view to early marriage; genuine advertisement; no agents.—T.T., Box 2,351, "People," Arundel-street, Strand.

BEFORE MARRIAGE have your own and friends' character, disposition, and capabilities cleverly told from ordinary handwriting, by the popular Graphologist, Professor Kingsford, 25, Glenthorne-road, Hammersmith. Fee 1s. 6d. Much useful advice given.—A lady writes from Richmond: "Your two lengthy delineations proved marvellously correct, and were of great service to me."

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.

Holborn Union.
TO STOKERS.

STOKER wanted, at the INFIRMARY, ARCHWAY-ROAD, N. Must understand steam boilers, and make himself generally useful. Salary £25 per annum, with board, lodging, and washing. Candidates must be single or widowers without encumbrance, and between the age of 30 and 35 years.

Personal application to be made to the Steward of the Infirmary, Archway-road, N., between the hours of 10.0 a.m. and 4.0 p.m.

(By order), HARRY O. HILL, Clerk to the Guardians.

September 4th, 1896.

OFFICIAL SITUATIONS.—(Continued).

Active Young Men Out of Employment.
BETWEEN 18 and 25.

APPLY to Recruiting Officers, St. George's Barracks, Charing Cross; No. 1, Sharpe's Buildings, King-street, Tower Hill; Hounslow Barracks; or Woolwich, for all information. A pamphlet, "Advantages of the Army," can be had free at any Post Office. Weekly pocket money, 5s. to 6s. 6d.

Stokers for the Royal Navy

WANTED.—Men of good character, age 18 (and in special cases 19) to 25, can obtain employment as Stokers in the Royal Navy; no previous experience necessary; wages commencing at £30; extra pay when in the tropics; free rations and lodging, and allowance towards outfit; pensions for life on completing service.

Apply to any of H.M. Ships or Coast Guard Stations, or to the Admiralty Recruiting Dept., 35, Spring Gardens, London, S.W.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines.

VACANCIES for Boys to train as Seamen, age 15½ to 16. For Stokers (previous experience not necessary), age 18 to 25. Royal Marines, age 17 to 23. Service in this splendid profession affords many opportunities of distinction, and of seeing the world comfortably in H.M. Ships, with plenty of pocket money. Pensions for life on completing service.—Apply, Admiralty Recruiting Office, 35, Spring Gardens, Charing Cross; 33, King-street, Tower Hill; 41, New Kent-road, S.E.; and 124, King's-road, Kingston.

Female Sorters

FORTHCOMING EXAMINATION. — FEMALE SORTERS, GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON (15-18), 8th October. The date specified is the latest at which applications can be received. They must be made on forms, to be obtained, with particulars, from the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, London, S.W.

First-class Laundrymaid

WANTED, at the DARENTH ASYLUM, DARENTH, near DARTFORD, KENT (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board). Wages £18, rising to £22, board, lodging, washing, and uniform.

Apply to the Matron, at the Asylum, by letter, with copies of testimonials.

4th September, 1896.

Kitchenmaid

TO act as Cook at Medical Superintendent's house, wanted at the GORE FARM CONVALESCENT FEVER HOSPITAL, DARENTH, near DARTFORD, KENT (under the Metropolitan Asylums Board). Wages £20 per annum, board, lodging, washing, and uniform. Age not to exceed 35.—Apply to the Matron, at the Hospital, by letter, with copies of testimonials.

September 5th, 1896.

Wardmaids

WANTED, at the NORTH-WESTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, HAVERSTOCK HILL, N.W. (under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board); wages £18 per annum, board, lodging, washing, and uniform; age not to exceed 35.—Apply to the Medical Superintendent at the Hospital, either personally (10.0 to 1.0) or by letter, with copies of testimonials.

3rd September, 1896.

Head Kitchenmaid

WANTED, at the EASTERN FEVER HOSPITAL, THE GROVE, HOMERTON, N.E. (under the Metropolitan Asylums' Board); wages £20 per annum, board, lodging, washing, and uniform; age not to exceed 35, and must have had experience in a public institution.—Apply to the Matron at the Hospital, either personally (10.0 to 1.0) or by letter, with copies of testimonials.

3rd September, 1896.

Stoker

WANTED, for the FULHAM UNION INFIRMARY, ST. DUNSTAN'S-ROAD, HAMMERSMITH, W. Wages 10s. per week, increasing 1s. annually to 12s., with board, lodging, washing, and an allowance of 1s. 3d. per week in lieu of beer. Young men who have had experience with boilers and machinery to apply personally to the Steward, at the Infirmary, on Monday morning next, September 7th, between the hours of 10.0 and 11.0 o'clock, bringing with them written certificates as to character and qualifications.

Kensington Infirmary.

WANTED, a KITCHENMAID, at wages of £15 per annum, rising £1 annually to £18 per annum, with board, lodging, washing, and uniform, and an allowance of £2 10s. per annum in lieu of beer. Candidates, who must be between 20 and 30 years of age, are required to apply on Saturday, 12th September, at 3.0 p.m., to the Matron, at the Infirmary, in the Marloes-road (near Earl's Court and Kensington High-street Stations), bringing with them recent testimonials. No travelling or other expenses will be allowed.

By order,
(Signed) JNO. H. RUTHERGLEN,
Guardians' Offices, Clerk to the Guardians.
Marloes-road, Kensington, W.
September 5th, 1896.

NURSES.

Parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

THE Guardians of the above Parish REQUIRE the following OFFICERS for their Infirmary:—

One NURSE, aged 25 to 35 years. Salary £30 per annum, rising £2 annually to £36 per annum.

One SUPERNUMERARY NURSE, aged 25 to 30 years. Salary £30 per annum. Permanent appointment.

Two ASSISTANT NURSES, aged 22 to 30 years. Salary £17 per annum, rising £1 annually to £20 per annum.

Board, Lodging, Washing, and Uniform in each case.

The Nurses must have been trained, and the Assistant Nurses have had at least one year's experience in nursing.

Personal application to the Matron of the Infirmary, 204, Hoxton-street, N., from 9.0 to 1.0.

September, 1896.

St. Matthew, Bethnal Green.

TO NURSES.

THE GUARDIANS of the Poor of the Parish of ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN, require the services of a NURSE for either day or night duty, as may be necessary, at a salary of £30 per annum, increasing £2 annually to a maximum of £36, with board and uniform, and an allowance of £2 per annum in lieu of beer. The person appointed will have to reside off the establishment until such time as the Guardians can provide indoor accommodation, the sum of 5s. per week being allowed in lieu of lodgings.

Applicants must have had, at least, one year's experience in hospital or infirmary treatment. Further particulars and forms of application to be had by applying to the Medical Superintendent of the Workhouse, Waterloo-road.

Applicants must attend personally at the House Committee on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 4.0 p.m., and produce testimonials of recent date.

The appointment will be made subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and to any inquiries the Guardians may order to be made. No travelling expenses allowed.

By order,
D. THOMAS,
Clerk to the Guardians.

Guardians' Offices,
Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, N.E.
September 4th, 1896.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

UNDER-NURSE, 20, not been out before, very fond of children, good references, wages arranged.—Lilian, Hetherington's, 2, High-street, Croydon.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 17, tall, strong, willing, 12 months' character, wages £10.—Rose, Hetherington's, 2e6, Upper-street, Islington, N.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 18, strong and willing, good personal character, wages £12.—L. C., Hetherington's, 216, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

GENERAL SERVANT, age 18, tall, strong girl, £10; another, age 17, good character, £10.—Hetherington's, 170, Victoria-street, Belgravia.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 19, tall, neat, and strong, understands plain cooking, good personal character, wages £12.—Edith, Hetherington's, 50, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction.

GENERAL SERVANT, age 18, strong, willing girl, can do plain cooking, 3 years 4 months' character, £12 to £14.—Clara, Hetherington's, 334, Strand.

YOUNG GENERAL, 16, neat, willing girl, 11 months' character, 2s. 6d. weekly, Agnes; also General, 17, 2 years' character, 3s. weekly.—Edith, Hetherington's, 109, Queen's-road, Peckham.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

SERVANT required for family of 2, no washing or lodgers, frequent outings, and good living.—170, Walworth-road.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, age about 18, another kept.—Call or write, Bygrave, 13, Canterbury-road, Brixton, London.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted, 20 to 25, good character required.—Apply, 50A, Romford-road, Stratford, London, E.

GENERAL SERVANT, about 20, wages £14, easy place, comfortable home, 2 in family.—Mrs. Day, 12, Avenue Villas, Cricklewood.

UNDER-MAID wanted, age 16 or 17, to help 2 other servants, good place, wages £10 or £11.—Mrs. S., Hetherington's, 286, Upper-street, Islington.

GENERAL wanted, age 18, wages £14, only 1 lady, in a flat, light situation, comfortable home.—Hetherington's, 62, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted for small flat, 2 in family, plain cooking, £16 to £18.—Mrs. W., Hetherington's, 334, Strand.

COOK wanted, for Guernsey, to return with lady, 4 servants, good home, £22; also Between-maid, for Belgravia, £12.—Hetherington's, 170, Victoria-st.

GENERAL SERVANT, age about 20, 2 in family, only part of house (5 rooms), good place, wages £12 to £14.—Mrs. C., Hetherington's, 286, Upper-street, Islington, N.

TWO GENERALS wanted, to live together, ages about 20, good place, no washing, wages £14 to £16 each.—Mrs. R., Hetherington's, 286, Upper-street, Islington, N.

GENERAL SERVANT, 18 to 25, 2 in family, no washing, £14 or £16; also Housemaid or General, would be trained, £12.—Mrs. H., Hetherington's, 109, Queen's-road, Peckham.

YOUNG GIRL for housework, 16, strong, willing and obliging, comfortable home, 3s. to 3s. 6d. weekly.—Mrs. D., Hetherington's, 2, High-street, Croydon.

WANTED, GENERAL SERVANT, able to do plain cooking, age about 25, wages £16.—Apply, 2.0 to 5.0, or write, The Albion, Albion-street (near Marble Arch), W.

WANTED, Cooks, House-parlourmaids, Nurses, Generals, Basement, and Laundrymaids.—Apply to the Agency in the Soho Bazaar, 77, Oxford-street, W. Ladies interview daily. Office hours [illegible]

SITUATIONS VACANT.—(Continued).

GENERAL SERVANT, age 17 to 27, for small house, only 3 in family, no cooking, no washing, good home, wages £12 to £15.—Call or write to Mrs. W., Hetherington's, 216, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

YOUNG GIRL wanted as Housemaid, age 16 to 18, 3 in family, another kept, taught waiting, good home, wages £10 to £12.—Call or write to Mrs. G., Hetherington's, 216, Edgware-road, W. (over Singer's).

PAPERHANGINGS.—Wanted BLOCK PRINTERS used to good work.—Apply, Chas. Knowles and Co., 164, King's-road, Chelsea, S.W.

FANCY FEATHER HAND (Improver); also FLOWER MOUNTER wanted; constant work.—Joseph, 1, Albion-buildings, Westmoreland-buildings, Aldersgate-street.

WANTED, FEMALE WATERPROOF GARMENT HANDS; single and double texture.—Apply, J. B. Hurst and Co., Limited, 184a, Holloway-road, N.

KNIFE CLEANING MACHINES.

WANTED, a Man used to the entire manufacture of same.—Apply, Davis's Knife Cleaner Factory, 67, 68, 69, 90, Houndsditch, E.C.

SEA APPRENTICES wanted, in Steam and Sailing Ships, Christian captains, 2,100 to 3,000 tons, bound to Australia, India, &c.; premium moderate; wages given; instructed in navigation; berthed and mess aft; outfit lists free.—Apply, Owners, 1, 2, Arthur-street West, London, E.C.

WORKS MANAGER required, having experience in the erection of and working of paraffin scale refinery for an extensive candle manufactory in England, one with a general knowledge of the trade preferred.—Address, in strict confidence, to X. J., c.o. J. W. Vickers, 5, Nicholas-lane, London.

HOME WORK for either sex, plain writers preferred; copying addresses, &c.; no canvassing whatever; 1s. to 25s. weekly; stamped addressed envelope.—Groves, 21, Palace-terrace, Fulham.

HOME WRITING, copying recipes, remuneration from 1s. per dozen copies; sample recipes 1s. 1d. (returnable unless appointed) and stamped addressed envelope.—Stanley, Bellamy-street, Poplar, London.

HOME SEWING.—Plain, easy work, forwarded through Parcels Post. £1 weekly earned. Persons required anywhere. Patterns and instruction book 8 stamps.—Wilby, Savile Town, Dewsbury.

HOME Employment, either sex, envelope and wrapper addressing, whole or spare time, good pay; directory and instructions 1s. 2d., returnable in first settlement.—A., 10, Pleasant-st., Liverpool.

7s. 6d. to 25s. 6d. weekly salary offered to either sex everywhere for their spare moments; work may be done evenings.—For particulars send addressed envelope to M. Truscott and Co., Glendower, Tor Vale (162), Torquay.

10s. 6d. to £3 a week salary can be earned in spare hours or evenings by either sex, everywhere. Guarantee sent to any person enclosing addressed envelope in own writing to F. Paynter and Co. (F 161), Albert House, St. Marychurch, Torquay.

£1 TO £2 per week easily earned at home; male or female; no selling or canvassing; we take work and find materials; sample of work, with full instructions, post free, 3 stamps.—Stuart and Co., 61, Henslowe-road, East Dulwich, S.E.

LADIES secure good incomes by genteel Home Employment with the New Automatic Knitter; cash or hire; work obtainable.—Address, F. S. Department, 67, Southwark-street, London; 14, Oxford-street; or 192, Upper-street, London.

AGENTS Wanted.—Money easily made in spare time; best paying agency going; experience unnecessary; constant income assured; particulars free, also Pocket Rubber Stamp of your Name and Address.—The Rickford Manfg. Co., Snow Hill, London.

AGENTS.—Energetic Men can earn £3 per week selling our Patent Tablets; required by every shopkeeper in United Kingdom; can be worked in spare time; particulars free.—J. Brand and Co., Printers, Clerkenwell, London, E.C.

SITUATIONS.—All seeking Situations, Male and Female, Army, Navy Men, &c., should register their requirements at Hill and Courtney's Employment Bureau, 59, Farringdon-street, London, E.C. Hundreds suited; see testimonials; call or write. Employers supplied free.

£1.—A SALARY of 12s. 6d. to £1 per week can be earned in spare hours or evenings, by either sex, who can write. Proof sent free anywhere to whoever sends a self-addressed envelope to T. Smith and Co. (Dept. 2A), 79, St. Helen's Gardens, North Kensington, W.

FAIR Remuneration offered to every one who wish to add to their incomes; the work is light and easily learnt, and a thoroughly genuine occupation, suitable to either sex; we require hands in each town and village; applicants must enclose stamped directed envelope.—A. Ingott, Emsworth, Hants.

WANTED, in Country Towns and Villages within 80 miles of London, Agents to carry on the business of the British Supply Corporation, Limited, 67, Paul-street, Finsbury.—Apply, giving particulars and previous experience. Drapers and grocers preferred.

ALL Hotel, Restaurant, Club, and Public-house Servants seeking situations, any capacity, London or country, apply Licensed Victuallers' Employment Association, 319, Strand, London. Manager, Mr. Harris. Oldest established trade employment office, and only genuine address. Thousands suited. Always good vacancies. Call or send for form of application.

SERVANTS, all classes, great number wanted, excellent situations, good wages. Pipe's Servants' Home, 56, Edgware-road, Hyde Park; also May's Servants' Home, 36, Tottenham Court-road, largest and best offices; established 25 years; numbers suited daily; 100,000 engaged last 14 years; thousands of letters thanking us for our attention and suiting; no charge whatever to cooks, housemaids, parlourmaids, or generals not receiving over £20.

MEN, Youths, Shop Assistants, every description; Gardeners, Grooms, Coachmen, Butlers, Valets, Footmen, Handymen, Pages, Messengers, Caretakers, Attendants, Porters, Club, Hotel, Coffee Palace or Public Business; Carmen, Clerks, Farmers' Sons, also all Farm Hands wanting a change, and all requiring any Employment, write or call; from town or country; situation guide free; busy time; thousands suited.—Tanner and Co., 112, Newington-causeway, London. Men late Army, Navy, or Merchant Service also write.

A AGENCY.

SOMETHING NEW.—A Corporation has been formed to provide the Public with Goods on the Weekly Payment System. Prices less than for cash elsewhere. Clothing, Sewing Machines, Mangles, Watches, Clocks, Silver Plate, Jewellery, Bicycles, Pianos, Furniture. Are you a Foreman in a Factory? Are you a Railway Official? Are you a Board School Teacher? Are you a Clerk in Government Employment or elsewhere? Are you an Assistant in Large Stores? Do you work indoors with a large number of men? If so,

Write to the
BRITISH SUPPLY CORPORATION, LIMITED,
No. 67, Paul-street, Finsbury, E.C.,
for an agency, giving full particulars of present employment. It is worth your while. You can add £1 per week to your income.

BUSINESSES, HOUSES, &c.

FREEHOLD LAND for SALE within 7 miles; prices from 30gs.; easy instalments.—F. RAVENSCROFT, Southampton Buildings, W.C.

WANTED, £1,300 on Mortgage.—Good FREEHOLD, in two £650 lots.—Apply, W. B., 2, Lorne Villa, Hibernia-road, Hounslow.

CHARMING COTTAGE RESIDENCE, 2 acres; Freehold £280, 20 miles London; stamped envelope.—Rutter, 5, New Bridge-street, London.

FREEHOLD PLOTS, Swanley, close to Boys' Home and Horticultural College, Belvedere Station, Abbey Wood, &c., Kent.—Plans and particulars, Mr. Walter Allnutt, 4, Lime-street, E.C.

CLAPHAM.—Modern PLATE-GLASS FRONTED SHOP, 31ft. deep, with premises one door from High-street; trade side; rents £45 per annum.—Apply, Ed. Hugh Henry, Auctioneer, 63, High-street, Clapham.

AN Excellent EIGHT-ROOMED HOUSE, Wandsworth.—Very long garden; just nicely repaired, and ready for occupation; rental value £32; lease 84 years, at £5; price only £290, or £40 cash and balance as rent.—Mr. Fisher, 30, Wormwood-street, E.C.

A GOOD BAY-WINDOW HOUSE, close to Stamford Hill Station.—Only £25 cash and balance as rent; in excellent repair; 7 rooms, garden, &c.; lease 75 years; lowest cash price £220; next house just sold.—Mr. Fisher, 30, Wormwood-street, E.C.

CIGARS, NEWS, STATIONERY.—Compact Double-fronted Shop, in select neighbourhood, close to main road; the present business being under female management, could be considerably increased by energetic couple; price £50, including stock and fixtures.—Apply, 10, Vassall-road, Brixton, S.W.

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LEAGUE MATCHES.—FIRST DIVISION.

SUNDERLAND v. BOLTON WANDERERS.

At Sunderland. Both sides were very strongly represented, and from the start the play was exceedingly well contested. Hugh Wilson appeared among the home forwards, and showed capital form. After some fast exchanges, Hannah scored for Sunderland from a free kick, but it was not long ere Thompson got past Gow and so enabled Jack to equalise. Following this, the home forwards put in a lot of splendid combined work, but their efforts were neutralised by the grand goal-keeping of Sutcliffe, who stopped one particularly fine shot of Campbell's that seemed certain to score. At half-time the score was 1 goal each. This even state of affairs continued after the restart, both teams making great efforts to gain the lead. More than once the defence at each end was hard pressed, but it always prevailed, and nothing more being scored, a splendidly-fought game resulted in a draw, 1 goal each.

SHEFFIELD UNITED v. BURNLEY.

At Bramall-lane, Sheffield. The United had 3 new men—Priest, Walls, and Henderson—in their ranks, and Burnley 2—Brae and Brown. Neither eleven had engaged in a League fixture earlier in the week, but it was evident that plenty of useful practice had been indulged in. Soon after the start the visitors attacked, and Walls shot the ball into the net, but the goalkeeper had been interfered with, so that the point was disallowed. When the men had fairly settled down the exchanges were fast and even, but so good was the defence on each side that it was not until 6 minutes before the interval that anything was scored. Priest then shot a goal for the United, who crossed over leading by 1 goal to 0. Burnley played up with renewed vigour after the interval, and the game became very exciting. Foulkes saved brilliantly for the United, who soon attacked in turn. Tatham proved equal to the occasion, however, stopping a fine shot of Priest's. After a time the heavy state of the ground told its tale, and the pace fell off, though Burnley continued to strive hard to get on terms, but all their efforts were in vain. Towards the close the play grew rather tame, and nothing more being scored, the United won by 1 goal to 0.

BLACKBURN ROVERS v. LIVERPOOL.

At Blackburn. The Rovers, who lost during the week to West Bromwich Albion, had, with many players on the injured list, to entirely rearrange their team, while Liverpool were fortunate in being able to put their best side into the field. The Rovers started the game, but the visitors, who had gained choice of goal, at once got away. The attack, however, was of short duration, Liverpool being speedily driven back and placed on the defensive. After settling down the teams appeared to be well matched, and attacks were made by both sides. The Liverpool forwards showed excellent combination, but were met by a strong defence. The game proceeded very evenly, and half-time arrived without either side having scored. After changing ends the Rovers played up strongly, and twice put the ball through the goal, but both points were ruled off-side. Liverpool also had a goal disallowed on the same ground. Some keen play followed, each side striving hard to gain the upper hand, and it looked as though the game would end in a draw. Shortly before time, however, the Blackburn forwards brought off a finely executed run down, and Stewart finished the effort with a successful shot. This proved to be the only point gained in the match, and Blackburn Rovers were left the winners of a hard contest by 1 goal to 0.

BURY v. PRESTON NORTH END.

The Preston team opened their League engagements at Bury. In the week Bury had beaten Sunderland on the latter's ground, and they relied upon the same side, Clarke, Hendry, and Darrock, the 3 new players, being given further trials. A good deal of rain had fallen in Bury on the previous days. The play in the opening half went in favour of Bury, but the efforts of their forwards were frustrated by the strong defence of the Preston backs. Though they made some good attacks, Bury failed to score, and at half-time no goals had been obtained. On resuming, Bury attacked strongly, and shots were sent in by Clarke and Miller. Trainer, in goal, however, played finely for Preston, and proved equal to every emergency. In turn, Preston pressed, and Montgomery was called upon to save, the Bury goalkeeper clearing 2 dangerous shots in clever style. The ball travelled up and down the ground at a great pace, the game being exceedingly fast, but the defence always prevailed, and the match ended in a draw, no goals being scored.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION v. ASTON VILLA.

At West Bromwich. The game was commenced in a vigorous manner, and in the first quarter of an hour both goals were attacked, but without result. The play continued to be of an interesting character, the fortunes of the game varying considerably. Shortly before the interval the Aston Villa forwards got away, and with a fine shot Devey beat Reader. Thus, at half-time Aston Villa led by 1 goal to 0. With change of ends came a considerable alteration in the state of affairs, the Albion attacking with great vigour and having all the best of the game. Bassett and Ford both put in capital shots, which were kept out, and then, after a break away by the Villa, the Albion dashed down, and Garfield made the score level. Keeping up the pressure, the home eleven severely taxed the Villa defence, and after a spell of most exciting play Williams scored from a penalty kick, while Garfield added a third point for the Albion, who proved victorious by 3 goals to 1, amidst a scene of great excitement.

EVERTON v. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY.

At Goodison Park, Liverpool. It was Everton's first game in the League competition, though they had played a match with the Glasgow Rangers, and they made a change in their team, Arridge taking the place of Barker. On the Sheffield side Melia and Jamieson played instead of Earp and Regan. The visitors started the game, but Everton quickly took up the attack. Sheffield were hard pressed, their goal having several escapes. The visitors were mainly on the defensive, but they got away once or twice through the weakness of Storrier, one of the Everton backs. Everton pressed hard shortly before half-time, but without success, the interval being taken without any goals being scored. On re-starting, Everton again did most of the attacking, but their final efforts were weak, and at length Spikesley and Brash broke away, a smart piece of combined work ending in a goal. After this the visitors played up still better, their backs showing to excellent advantage. Everton made repeated efforts, however, and at length succeeded in equalising, Cameron putting the ball into the net, while before long the same player scored again, Everton running out winners of an exciting game by 2 goals to 1.

STOKE v. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS.

At Stoke. Stoke had their best side, and for the first half hour the play was remarkably even, the 7,000 people who turned out in spite of the wretched weather, having plenty to arouse their enthusiasm. Neither team could gain any advantage for half an hour, but then Edge shot a goal for the Wanderers, a lead they maintained until ends were changed. After crossing over, the game became very fast and exciting, several strong attacks being made before Wood shot a goal for Stoke, and placed his side on equal terms. The Wanderers continued to be hard pressed, and Baird missed an easy chance of scoring. Both sides kept up the pace, and so safe was the defence at each end that a draw seemed certain. Just on time, however, Stoke were awarded a free kick, and, managing to score, won the game after a great struggle by 2 goals to 1.

DERBY COUNTY v. NOTTS FOREST.

At Derby, for their match against Notts Forest, the county relied upon the same eleven that represented them last winter, and the visitors also had their full eleven, including Adrian Capes. Soon getting into their swing, the home side did most of the pressing, but their opponents defended stoutly. After about 20 minutes' play, Bloomer shot the ball into the net, but was ruled off-side, and then the Forest held their own, nothing being scored before the interval. On resuming, John Goodall put the ball through, but again the point was disallowed for an infringement of the off-side rule, and the visitors opened the scoring, Richards kicking a goal. Very soon a smart attack by the County ended in Stevenson equalising. Having once met with success, the home side pressed strongly, and many times looked likely to gain a deciding point. Allsopp, however, kept goal capitally, and prevented any further scoring, the result being a draw of 1 goal each.

SECOND DIVISION.

Manchester City v. Woolwich Arsenal.—The Arsenal team opened their League programme with no less formidable an undertaking than a match at Hyde-road, Manchester, against Manchester City, who last season tied in the matter of points for first place with Liverpool. New men were included in both teams, but unfortunately for the display of football the weather proved exceedingly wet, and, of course, rendered the ground very slippery. Play at first went much in favour of the home side, for whom Finnerhan obtained a goal, and this advantage was maintained up to change of ends. Afterwards the game proved much more even, and the only point scored being one to Heywood, of Woolwich, the game ended in a draw of 1 goal each.

Leicester Fosse beat Darwen by 4 goals to 1.

Notts County defeated Loughborough by 3 goals to 1.

Gainsborough Trinity drew with Grimsby Town, 1 goal each.

Lincoln City beat Blackpool by 3 goals to 1.

Newton Heath beat Burton Swifts by 4 goals to 3.

Walsall beat Burton Wanderers by 2 goals to 0.

Small Heath beat Newcastle United by 3 goals to 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

SHEPPEY UNITED v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

Both these clubs were new to the competition, the United having earned their promotion from the Second Division, while the Hotspur have only joined the League this season, but their meeting at Sheerness produced a capital game. Starting without Ambler and Burrows, the visitors had considerably the worst of the opening exchanges, Murray scoring for the United, and after the Hotspur side was completed the same player added a second. Crump, however, replied for the visitors, and after changing ends they had the best of matters, Clements and Millikin each shooting a goal. Cottrell, however, put on a third for the United, and the result was a draw, 3 goals each.

CHATHAM V. NORTHFLEET.

At Northfleet another club new to the competition appeared at Chatham, and the weather being fine the match attracted 4,000 spectators. During the first half the visitors played up capitally, and had quite as much of the game as Chatham until just before the interval, when Vail shot a goal, but after change of ends the home side improved a lot. Leatherborrow, Brisley, and Lawrence each scored a goal, and Chatham ran out easy winners by 4 goals to 0.

MILLWALL v. SOUTH SHORE (BLACKPOOL).

At Millwall, and resulted in a decisive victory of 7 goals to 1 for the home team. Bright sunshine prevailed throughout, and there was very little wind, but the ground, owing to the recent rains, was very soft. Of the home team, Law, Davies, Leatherborrow, and J. Matthews were the most notable absentees of last year's players, and Gettins also was away, though the latter will resume on the 19th inst. Millwall started operations, and soon evinced superiority, Davis gaining the first goal after 15 minutes' play, being followed, 10 minutes later, by Colney. But immediately after Rowan, for South Shore, scored, Carter, the Millwall custodian, letting the ball through his legs. Nothing further resulted before half-time, but subsequently Millwall had matters all their own way, scoring 5 more goals, through the agency of H. Matthews, Geddes (twice), Graham, and Whelan, whilst the visitors could not improve their position, and, indeed, were only in Millwall territory for a few minutes.

CRYSTAL PALACE v. GERMAN ASSOCIATION.

The Germans brought their English tour to a close at the Crystal Palace, when they met a strong amateur eleven, representing the Crystal Palace Club, which included 3 International players. The home contingent were, of course, short of practice, but they outplayed the Germans at every part of the game a fact which will be easily understood when we state that the home goalkeeper only touched the ball once. During the first half, which was carried on entirely in the visitors half, the Crystal Palace scored 8 goals, Stanborough (3), G. O. Smith (3), Taylor and Frances respectively sending the ball through. After changing over the home team relaxed their efforts, but Smith (3), Stanborough, and Taylor added further goals, so that the Crystal Palace eleven won by 13 goals to 0. The Germans, who have left England, have played 4 matches, and have had no fewer than 46 goals scored against them, while they have not gained a single point.

WOLVERTON v. LONDON CALEDONIANS.

At Junction-road. Although the turf was in capital order, play throughout was rather of the scrambling kind, but the visitors' defence was equal to the attack, and eventually the Railway men bombarded the Caledonian goal. Burton and Hay were instrumental in saving several ugly rushes, but at the expiration of 25 minutes Poole scored with a soft shot, which Burton ought to have saved. Three minutes later Wesby added a further point, and immediately afterwards Poole put on the third goal for the Railway men. In the meantime Scott, of the Caledonians, had been injured, and compelled to leave the field. The Wolverton team crossed over, leading by 3 goals to 0, but after the resumption the Caledonians had rather the better of the exchanges. Their shooting, however, was most erratic, and chance after chance was missed. Nothing further was scored, and so the London Caledonians suffered defeat by 3 goals to 0.

SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S v. ALDERSHOT.

At Southampton. The home team, who have considerably strengthened their side this season, encountered a team chosen from the military stationed at Aldershot, who, owing to the manœuvres, were unable to place a representative side in the field. With the exception of Meston, the home brigade lined out at its full strength. It was early apparent the home team were far superior to the Soldiers, and Reay soon scored, Farrell quickly adding a second, Buchanan a third, and Farrell a fourth goal, the score standing at half-time 4 to 0 in favour of St. Mary's. In the latter portion of the game St. Mary's did practically as they chose, and put on 5 more goals, St. Mary's eventually winning by 9 goals to 0. Keay, of St. Mary's, was injured.

SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Bournemouth Wanderers, 2; Freemantle (A), 0. Gordon Avenue, 6; Romsey, 1.

TOTTENHAM MATCHES.

Tottenham Avondale, 1; Leytonstone Reserves, nil. Asplin Capt, 3; Vice Captain, nil. Celtic, 5; Broadwater, 2nd, nil. Bruce Castle, 9; St. John's Athletic, nil. Mansfield House, 2; Broadwater (3), nil. Reserves, 5; Stanley, 4. Old Church School, 4; Old Church Choir, nil.

READING AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Reading opened the season with a match against Holloway College, who had the assistance of several well-known players. The game was played on Reading New Ground (which was formally opened by Mr. C. T. Murdoch, M.P.). Reading outplayed their opponents all through, and won by 7 goals to 0. Athletics, 3; Albion Star, 1; Minster Excelsior, 1; South Reading Star, 1. South Reading Excelsior, 2; Caversham St. John's, 1. Oxford Star, 1; Thorn Rovers, 0. Red Star (Reading), 2; Swansea Rovers, 1. St. Mary's Juniors, 4; Stafford Swifts, 0. East Reading Juniors, 4; Crescent Star, 0. Earley Juniors, 7; St. Lawrence, 2. St. Luke's (Reading), 9; Reading Redlands Juniors, 4. Old Kendricks (Reading), 2; Kendrick Reserves, 1. Wolverton, 3; London Caledonians, 0.

CHISWICK MATCHES.

Saints, 4; Institute, 2. Chesham Town, 3; Fulham, 1. Generals, 3; Old St. Stephen's, 2.

PORTSMOUTH MATCHES.

Portsmouth Britannia, 1; Gosport Corinthians, 1. Cowes, 7; Bow London, 1. Freemantle, 5; Eastleigh, 4. Southampton St. Mary's, 9; Aldershot, 0.

WATFORD MATCHES.

St. Mary's, 5; West Ham Garfield, 1. Nascot Ramblers, 1; Bushey Rovers, 1. Nascot Ramblers Reserves, 0. Bushey Rovers Reserves, 3. Eton Rangers, 5; Willesden Rovers, 0.

WYCOMBE MATCHES.

Stanley, 4; Wycombe Wanderers, 2. Trinity Star, 3; Young St. Mary's, 2. Gordon-road Victoria, 2; Mendy St. Victoria, 0.

New Brompton v. Clapton.—At New Brompton. The home team running out winners of a one-sided game by 8 goals to 1.

Woolwich Arsenal Reserves v. Royal Ordnance.—This match was played at Plumstead, in the presence of fully 3,000 spectators. The Royals won the toss, but, notwithstanding having the advantage of a slight wind, proved no match for their opponents, who eventually won by 6 goals to 0.

At Dovercourt, South West Ham, 3; Harwich and Parkeston, 1.

At Colchester, York and Lancaster Regiment, 3; Colchester Crown, 1.

At Kirkley, King's Liverpool Regiment, 4; Kirkley, 3.

At High Wycombe, Stanley, 4; Wycombe Wanderers, 2.

Luton v. Rossendale.—At Luton. Luton won easily by 4 goals to 0.

At Ilford, Bow, 3 goals; Ilford Volunteers, 1.

At Wanstead, North London Wanderers, 3; Barbican, 2.

At Leytonstone, Leytonstone, 5; Luton Amateurs, 4.

At Upton, Crescent, 6; Raven, 1.

Queen's Park Rangers, 2; Thames, 2.

THE ENGLISH FOOTBALL TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE ENGLISH TEAM BEATEN.

A Reuter's telegram from Cape Town, dated Sept. 5, says:—The English football team played a match to-day against a Fifteen of South Africa, and were defeated by 1 goal to 0.

RUGBY.

NORTHERN UNION.

YORKSHIRE SECTION.

Wakefield Trinity v. Hull.—At Wakefield. The match ended in a win for Hull by 1 try to 0.

Leeds Parish Church v. Bradford.—At Leeds. Bradford won by 2 goals and 1 try to 1 goal and 1 try.

Huddersfield v. Hunslet.—At Huddersfield. The game ended in a draw of 1 try each.

Heckmondwike v. Bramley.—At Heckmondwike. Neither side scored, and the match ended in a draw.

Brighouse Rangers v. Batley.—At Brighouse. Brighouse Rangers won by 1 try to 0.

Leeds v. Holbeck.—At Leeds. Leeds eventually won by 2 goals and 1 try to 0.

Halifax v. Liversedge.—At Halifax. The match ended in a win for Halifax by 2 goals to 1 try.

Morecambe v. Wigan.—The Wigan team made their first appearance as a Northern Union club at Morecambe. Wigan won by 6 points to 3.

Leigh v. Stockport.—At Leigh. Stockport won by 1 goal and 1 try to 0.

Runcorn v. Tyldesley.—At Runcorn. Runcorn won by 2 goals to 0.

Swinton v. Warrington.—At Swinton. The result was a win for Swinton by 2 goals and 3 tries to 1 goal and 1 try.

Broughton Rangers v. Rochdale Hornets.—At Manchester. The Rangers had a good deal the best of the play, and won by 4 tries to 0.

Widnes v. Salford.—At Widnes. Widnes won by 2 goals to 0.

CRICKET.

OXFORD AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

South Oxford, 152 (for 6, declared); Witney, 80 (for 3). Boulter-st. Institute, 95 (for 4); South Oxford Second, 56. Clarendon Press, 86; Star, 95 (for 8). Oxford Times, 129; Cygnets Second, 94. Post Office, 61; Oxtell's Employees, 33. Corporation, 84; Victoria, 69 (for 8). Eynsham, 168; Hailey, 53.

CAMBRIDGE MATCHES.

Higher Grade School, 95; Boys' Brigade, 43. Great St. Mary's, 114; Corporation Officers and Employees, 36 for nine. Great Eastern Railway Fitters, 82; Great Eastern Boiler Makers, 38. St. Paul's Juniors, 78; Mr. Carpenter's XI., 69.

NUNHEAD MATCHES.

Nunhead Passage, 85; Hollydale, 62. Cyprus Juniors, 36; Regate, 19. Baron Harvey's, 11 (for 4); St. John's Church Lads Brigade, 50. Maltese, 7; Davey Yates C.C., 16. Haywoods, Ltd., 88 (for 5, declared); Sydenham Wesleyans, 12. Holly, 48; Red Lion House, 22. Brecon, 40; All Saints, Hatcham, 18. Meadson's, 81 (for 6, declared); Briton, 63 (for 7). Primrose, 40; Newark, 45. Little Wanderers, 90; Thistle, 64. "Daily Telegraph," 69; "Graphic" United, 50 (for 8). St. Catherine's Park, 58; St. George's, 24. Allenbury, 101 (for 9, declared); Stevenson and Howell, 19 (for 7). University College House, 63 and 28 (for 9); Dulwich Hamlets, 32. St. Nicholas (City), 71; Bank of England's Messengers, 65 (for 7). Wanstead Wanderers, 62; Lausane, 52.

BLACKHEATH SCHOOL MATCHES.

Lucas-st., 129; Mantle-rd., Second, 27. Randall-place, 103; Old Woolwich-rd., Second, 64. St. James's, Hatcham, 211; Blackheath-rd., Second, 63. Mantle-rd., 71; Hughes Fields, 21. Creed-place, 95; Clifton-rd., 59. Morden-terrace, 98; Lamber Hall, 54. Regent-st., 97; Grove-st., 58. Blackheath-rd., 111; Hedgely-st., 58. Hither Green, 59; Holy Trinity, 23. Lower Road, 74; Stanley-st., 61. Creek-rd., 169; Brockley-rd., 17. Monson-rd., 34; Plassey-rd., 34.

CHARLTON MATCHES.

Charlton Park C.C., Capt. XI., 103; Vice-captain XI., 37. Old Charlton, 108 (for 8); Royal Military Academy, 63. Envieta, 89; Dunville, 43. St. Thomas's Choir, 71; St. Luke's Choir, Charlton, 76.

PECKHAM RYE MATCHES.

Atlas, 72; Alliance, 50. St. Mark's, Kennington, 46; Clarence, Bermondsey, 23. Pioneer, 69; Cambridge, 41. Shamrock, 78 for 8; Dorice, 26. Clarance, 75; Walworth Radical Club, 42 for 6. St. Andrew's, Peckham, 60; Christ Church, 47. Rye Park, 36; Delverton, 34. Ormonde, 68 for 8 (declared); St. Catherine's, 24 for 7. Belmont, 20; Mansfield, 18. Castle, 82; All Saints', 44. Grosvenor, 62; Southwark Primrose, 18 and 34. Elmhurst, 62 for 6 (declared); St. Mary's Choir, Peckham, 52. St. Thomas, 82; Clarendon, 41.

SOUTHWARK PARK MATCHES.

Owing to the heavy rain that has fallen in the above locality, all fixtures down for decision were abandoned.

BLACKHEATH MATCHES.

Cooper Horticultural, 40; Burroughs, 14. White Rovers, 60; Welcome Institute, 45. Glemsfield, 69; Deptford and Greenwich Tramways, 28. St. Paul's Greenwich, 64; Blackheath Thistle, 23. Deptford Wesleyans, 56; Brockley Wesleyans, 15 and 36. Bricklayers' Arms Locomotive, 78 (for 4, declared); Abbey, 21. Maze Pond, 47; St. Mary's, Southwark, 20. Snellan, 30; Algernon, 28. Allhallow's, 56; Olivette, 38. Woodman, 53; St. Luke's, 22. Endeavour, 34; Abbey B, 20. Marshalsea, 92 (for 6); Hope, 40. Charterhouse Mission, 39; Reeks, 27. Clyde, 71; Christ Church Guild, 43. Philippians, 61; Haddon Hall, 40. St. John's Centre, 57; St. George's, Southwark, 23. Tunnel, 88; Russell's, 26. St. George's, 63; Gordon, 45. Pride of Lambeth, 59; St. Albans, 16. Bevington's, 50; Weston's, 33 (for 3). Bermondsey Vestry, 56; Chevitons United, 24 (for 7). West Greenwich Gas Works, 79; Wilkie and Soames, 60 (for 7). Oakley-place, 40; Maze Hill, 39. Kimberley, 60 (for 5); Social Democratic Federation, 26. Long Lane Mission, 66 (for 7, declared); Southwark Chapel, 41 (for 5). Amicable, 52 (for 7); Southwark Wesleyans, 34. Perseverance, 71 (for 7); Burnaby, 43. Blackheath, 105 (for 5); Plaistow, 101.

LEE MATCHES.

Panther, 77 (for 9); Granville, 58. Northbrook, 124; Croydon, 38 (for 9). St. Saviour's, Denmark Hill, 96; Blackheath Berean, 66 (for 4). Myrtle, 29; St. Peter's, 18. Greenwich Brewery C.C.—Married, 20 and 94; Single, 46 and 67.

CATFORD MATCHES.

Catford, 59; Clapham, 37. St. Stephen's, 42 (for 6); College Park, 37. Forest, 110; Gresham, 31. Heron, 94; W. C. Levy's, 39. Rosenthal, 65; H.M.S. "Wildfire," 19. Battersea, 145 (for 5); Private Bank, 66 (for 6).

HERNE HILL MATCHES.

Tudor, 81; St. John's (Kennington), 22. Streatham Albion, 85 for 4; Brixton Amateurs, 45 for 7. Chelwood, 104; Hudson and Kearn's, 31. Moinier's, 77 for 6; Trinity, 21.

CLAPHAM COMMON MATCHES.

Clapham Hanover, 75; Walworth Thistle, 59. Clapham Advance, 71; Holland Athletic, 21 and 27. St. Stephen's (Clapham), 84; South London Old Boys, 52. Ormonde, 62; Mostyn (1st), 58. Mostyn (2nd), 66; Walworth Wesleyan, 11. Holy Trinity (Clapham), 34; Christ Church Institute, 29. Universal, 88; Crescent, 16. Emmanuel Institute, 49; Regent, 25. Thistle Athletic, 29; York-rd. Brigade, 23. Ivy, 48; Wheatsheaf, 44. Pymites, 71; 74th London B.B.C.C., 56. Balham Ivanhoe, 60; Hawkstone Hall, 30. Walworth Primrose, 45; Hawthorne, 15 for 4. Silver Star, 74; Eclipse, 69. Stanley, 82; Taylor's A.C., 76. Palmerston, 67; Red Rose, 26. Clapham Ivy, 44; Grove Athletic, 28. Fox and Hounds (Thompson's), 55; Peter's, 40. Hawthorn (Southwark), 79; Carlton, 21. Clapham United, 61 for 6; Heathfield, 51. 42nd London Brigade, 36; 42nd Old Boys, 28. Kennington Stars, 76; Russell, 30. Clapham Albion, 55; Invicta, 43. Avondale, 45; Hawthorn (Walworth), 29.

EAST HAM MATCHES.

Forest, 108; Milton, 22. Upton Y.M.C.A., 69; Stratford Y.M.C.A., 17. Tricolour, 33; Green Lanes, 29.

WANSTEAD FLATS MATCHES.

South Essex, 72; Manor Park, 55 (for 6). Poulterer, 95 (for 9); Stamford Athletic, 53. All Saints, 62; East London Tabernacle Reserves, 8. Westley, 65; Springfield, 22. Foresters, 86; Oddfellows, 60. Ilford Britannia Works, 90; Stebonheath, 37. Finsbury Rovers, 82; St. Bride, 44. Woolwich Eagle, 30; Ostrich, 26. Leyton Reserves, 145 (for 1, declared); Crouch End, 31.

MAIDSTONE MATCHES.

Maidstone Working Men's Club, 96; Depot, 24. Maidstone Conservative Club, 83; Hayle-place, 71.

ILFORD MATCHES.

Townley Park, 84; Ilford Reserves, 83. Institute, 90; Athletic, 37. Grange, 31; Clements, 22.

PORTSMOUTH MATCHES.

Orleans, 45; St. Mary's Reserves, 23. 2nd Hants Volunteers v. Dockyard Athletic, 17 each. Gosport Eclipse, 57; White Company, 20. North End Victorias, 91; Buckland Wesleyans, 45.

WYCOMBE MATCHES.

Gerrards Cross, 122; High Wycombe Reserves, 26 (for 4). Primitives, 80; Church Room, 29.

CHESHAM AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Penton's, 91 and 99 (for 5); Barnett's, 45 and 48. Leighton, 165; Chesham, 114.

WOOLWICH MATCHES.

Ivanhoe, 63; Sidcup, 70. Medical Staff Corps, 49; Alberts, 37. Greenhill, 62; St. Paul's, 43. Eureka, 47; Ordnance-rd., 41. Larkdale, 60; Shooters' Hill, 44. Clinton, 92; Westcombe, 81.

EASTBOURNE AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Eastbourne, 200 (King 53) and 40 (for 2); The Robins, 141. Old Town, 101 (for 1, A. Baker 66 not out); Eastbourne Trade Branch, 29.

PLUMSTEAD MATCHES.

Alma, 23; United, 16. Silvertown, 63; Primrose, 49. Crossness A, 50; Abbey 2nd, 42. St. John's, 75; Arethusa, 47. Castles, 66; St. Michael's, 41. Verona-rd., 80; Strand, 65. St. Mary Cray, 77; Shrewsbury House, 60. Joy, 48; Iona A, 32. Lily, 105; Wood's XI., 96. Red Rose, 32; Silver Star, 29.

NEASDEN MATCHES.

Hinde-st., 15; Grosvenor Athletic, 38. Grasshopper, 61; Nondescript, 60. Stirling, 68 for 8; Longford, 54. Ealing Wanderers, 86; Brondesbury, 28. Homer, 53; Grove House, 44. Gulliver, 74 for 6 (declared); Castle, 17 for 5. St. James's, 44; Iris, 25. Penton, 61; Arundel, 18. Willowby, 108 for 2 (declared); Y.M.C.A., 7. City Albion, 37; Faudell's, 86 for 2. Bryanston, 61; New College, 42 for 7.

BEDFORD MATCHES.

Bedford, 60; Eighteen Colts, 125. Queen's Engineering Works, 56; Wilstead, 29. Queen's Park, 200 for 2 (declared); Clapham, 14. Bromham, 62; United Printers, 53.

CROUCH END MATCHES.

Bloomsbury, 30; Ferme Park, 30. Ashley, 58; Hanley Athletic, 31. Crouch End, 77 for 9; Wood Green, 69. Finsbury Park Y.M.C.A., 100 for 5; Enfield United, 61. Union, 73; St. George, Bloomsbury, 63. Brookfield, 128 for 8 (declared); Beaumont, 32. St. John's, Holborn, 67 for 6 (declared); Ormonde, 17. Mount View, 94; Holloway College, 60 for 9. Norway, 39; Trinity, 26. Mount Pleasant, 58; Everleigh, 45.

HIGHGATE WOODS MATCHES.

Paternoster, 50 for 4; Herman, 26. Carlton, 18; Ferndale, 13. All Saints', 105; St. Joseph, 50.

EAST FINCHLEY MATCHES.

Kingscliffe, 33; Islington Vestry, 17. Victoria, 40; Fitzroy, 13. Wilmington, 67; Steadfast, 19. South Place, 70; Stepney United, 23.

HYDE FARM MATCHES.

Eversleigh, 51; Avenue, 47. Stockwell, 54; Stermont, 29. Clayland's, 54; Endymion, 31 for 4. Wellington College, 48 for 1; Cleveland, 46. Laburnham House, 28 for 5; Field, 17. St. Luke's Boys (16), 63; Gentlemen, 20. Smith and Son Single, 63; Married, 16. Grosvenor scratched to Stag Brewery. New Alliance, 61; Opponents, 12.

ST. QUENTIN'S MATCHES.

Kensal, 87 (for 9, declared); Edwards and Roberts 15 (for 4). Coningsby, 2nd, 38; Isthmian, 2nd, 32 (for 8). Tabernacle, 95 (for 8, declared); Norland Conservative, 36 (for 3). Crescent, 104 (for 3); Longman, Green, and Co. di dnot bat.

WEST LONDON MATCHES.

Rochester United, 75; Walham Green, 28 (for 4). Haymarket, 74; C.S.S.A., 16 (for 2). Hornsey Rise, 121; South Hampstead, 23 (for 4). C.S.S.A. Challenge Cup Final: Secretary's, 40; Cashier's, 16.

WORMWOOD SCRUBBS MATCHES.

Hillcrest, 34 (for 4); St. Saviour's, Jun., 33. West London, 2nd, 38; St. John's Excelsior, 33. Britannia, 35 (for 5); Liney and Son, 9. G.N. Railway London Loco. Dept., 44; Leeds Loco, Dept., 39.

NORTH KENSINGTON MATCHES.

Calthorpe, 108 (for 4, declared); St. Stephen's, 1 (for 0). Western, 143 (for 5, declared); Hyde, 5 (for 0). St. Columbs, 48 (for 6, declared); Chelsea P.T., 2nd, 33.

ACTON MATCHES.

Weald Mission, 82; St. Barnabas (2nd), 54. Clifton, 34; Anchorites, 23. St. Columb's Choir, 108; Creffield, 17 for 2. St. Andrew's, 67; Steyne Mission, 11. Bricklayers, 94; Working Men, 70. Grunfield, 89; St. Botolph's, 26 for 4.

EALING MATCHES.

Rosemond, 80; Athletic C, 63. St. Mathew's (2nd), 57; St. Mona's, 41. Clinton, 12; Grange, 4 for 6. St. Mary's (2nd), 109; Y.M.C.A., 74.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH MATCHES.

Stenman's Eleven, 27; Wesleyan, 18. Wanderers, 91; Angel, 42. Mycroft, 72; St. John's, 24 for 9. St. Columb's, 66; St. Barnabas, 59. Eversfield, 19; Rovers, 15.

CHISWICK MATCHES.

Claremont, 169; Heathfield, 33 for 4. St. Mathew's, 71; Boys' Eleven, 44. Working Men, 88; Arlington, 56. Aston, 101; Ramblers, 93 for 10.

HACKNEY MARSHES MATCHES.

St. Barnabas, 60; Co-operative Brushmakers, 33. Express, 87 (for 9); Ceres, 28 (for 4). St. Bartholomew's Guild, 207; St. Matthew's, 20. Borough of Hackney, 55; Southey, 19. Boy Clerks, G.P.O., 46; Fawcett, G.P.O., 63. Cecil, 42; Abbey Mills, 34. St. Stephen's, 102 (for 8); Ensign, 5 (for 10). S.H. Primrose, 30; Jubilee, 62. Adams, 27; Littles, 20. Crescent, 48; Cranborne, 19. Druids, 76; Bow and Bromley Works, 1. S.H. Primrose, 54; Paragon, 30. Northern Star, 49; Ivanhoe, 33. Thistle, 23 (for 6); Onycha, 63. Falcon Star, 46; Montrose, 32. St. Joseph's, 49; Charterhouse Works, 23. Falcon Works, 88 (for 2); Jupiter, 14. Potter's Excelsior, 103; Alfred, 25. Northumbrian, 40; Mayfield, 35. Gayes, 30 (for 7); Fann-street, 27. Moorgate-st., 14; Horton Academy, 48. Newcastle-st., 52; Britannia, 36.

VICTORIA PARK MATCHES.

Latimer 40; Grange, 15 (Hackney Cup, final).—Institute, 15; Commercial, 38. St. Paul's, 28; Excelsior, 56. Harvey, 34; Langdon, 19. Jacobs, 23; Y.M.C.A., 36. Oxford, 88; Dove, 29. Maccabaeans, 20; Malvern, 23. C.T.I., 80; Aragon, 43. Commercial-rd., 34; Hilda, 24. L.I.D., 62; Temperance Star, 30. Bruce Hall, 73 (for 8); Endeavour, 17. Rose Templars, 51; Hampstead A.S., 31. Harris, 34; St. Stephen's, 40. Hartley, 48; St. Simon's, 25. Jubilee, 58; Cygnet, 24 (for 5). People's Palace Old Boys, 62; Crescent, 21. Silverdale, 128; Perseverance, 12 and 19.

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT MATCHES.

Y.M.C.A., 166; Preston Stragglers Reserves, 61. St. Mary's, 125 (for 6, declared); St. Peter's 57 (for 6). St. John's, 133 (for 9, declared); Greyhound, 79 (for 5). Brighton Brunswick, 144; Preston Stragglers, 38.

PARLIAMENT HILL MATCHES.

Plimsoll 33; North End Star, 18. Hampstead Rose, 113; Nelson, 32. Caxtonians, 116; Philomel, 54 (for 8). Syndhurst Hall, 75; Albert (Gospel Oak), 36 (for 9). Drayton Park Wesleyans, 37; Grove, 33. Amethyst, (2nd), 52; Hawley, 38. Beaconsfield, 69 (for 9, declared); Dansie, 16. Bull Dog, 70; Batavia, 31 (for 9). Midland Excelsior, 69; St. Mary's (Hornsey), 21 and 52. Hampstead Montrose, 69; Melrose, 34. Gospel Oak, 41; Gospel Oak Congregational, 38. Camden Rovers, 68; Grafton-road, 62. Craven Lodge, 67 (for 7); Hollywood 62. Countess, 38 (for 8); Ormonde, 36 (for 8). Griffin (Winsor and Newton's), 123; Lenthal, 31. Camden Press, 47; Cremer Star, 42 (for 9). Wilmington, 31; Argyll, 24 (for 8). Camden Wesleyans, 72; Leysians, 19 (Snal Wesleyan Cup). St. Michael's, 50; St. Mark's, 25.

PRIMROSE HILL MATCHES.

St. Saviour's, 46 (for 9); St. James's, 40. Orange-street, 33; St. James's Choir, 19. City Dolphin Vice-Captain's XI., 36; City Dolphin Captain's XI., 31. Kohinoor, 104; St. James's, 17. St. Saviour's, 91 (for 9); Albany, 20. Richard, 67; Hanover, 30. Hanover, 2nd, 54; Lonsdale Juniors, 45. St. Peter's, 29 (for 5); St. John's Gardens, 10. Life Brigade, 93; Nelson, 15. Acacia, 67; Central Finsbury, 39. Field Lane, 61; Claremont, 11. Royalty, 58; St. George's, 20. St. Andrew's, 51; Viaduct Juniors, 34 (for 7). St. Charles, Ogle-street, 100; Clarendon, 79. Lilac, 1st, 79 (for 5); Lilac, 2nd, 68. Silas, 63; Argyle, 16 and 16. Clarence, 86; Wasps, 17. Stanhope, 86; Park Village, 38. York and Albany, 92; Primrose, 52. Gordonhouse, 86; Dartmouth Park, 41.

RICHMOND MATCHES.

Holy Trinity, 59; White Star, 38. Richmond Old Scholars (2nd), 36; Ham and Petersham, 59. Old Scholars, 117 for 7; Arlington, 51 for 3. Richmond Town (2nd), 83 for 3; St. Andrew's, 88. Richmond Gas Works, 137 for 6; Richmond Police, 78. Victoria Working Men's Club, 35 for 6; Hampstead Vale, 79.

RAYNES PARK MATCHES.

Alberoes, 76 (for 8); S.Z. De Ferante, 52. St. Peter's, Vauxhall, 101 (for 1); Holy Trinity, Lambeth, 10. Cyprus, 47; Christchurch, Westminster, 34. St. Matthews, Newington, 49; St. Phillip's, Kennington, 18. St. Peter's, S. Kensington, 49; Ramblers, 21. "Sporting Life," 65 (for 6); Chelsea Albion, 52. Beaufoy, 2nd, 46 (for 6); Newton House, B, 44. Newman House, A, 66 (for 5); St. Phillips, 26. A.C.D., 60; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 22 (for 0). Nosegay, Blackfriars, 48; Mayfair, 20 (for 8). Haydon's Park, 75 (for 8, declared); Thorn, 30 (for 3). Doul. P.S.A., 36; St. Thomas's, Lamebth, 29. Ashley St. 80 (for 4); Noble and Hoare's, 42. Ashley St. Andrew's, 70; Whitecross, 60. Walworth Conservatives, 85; St. John's Eagles, 28 (for 4). Bats, 41; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 22. "Times," 67; Lorn, 57 (for 8). Howick, 88 for 7, declared); Fancy, 14. Stafford, 40 (for 2); St. John's, Westminster, 37 (for 7). Alma, 60 (for 6); B.B.R., 15. Army Clothing, 60; St. Margaret's, 22 (for 0). Moss Rose, 70 (for 8, declared); St. Alphege, 43 (for 9). Clapham Ramblers, 69; Adelphi, 43 (for 5, declared). Westminster, 93; Pimlico Wanderers, 69 (for 6). Shaftesbury, 87; Andrews, 16 (for 3). S.M.G. Co., Office, 117; Works, 65.

BROCKWELL PARK MATCHES.

Auckland, 20 (for 9); Lambeth Y.M.F.S., 16. Cambria, 50; St. John's, 23. Holy Trinity, 63; Wasps 37. Brixton United, 43; St. Jude's, 25 (for 5). Silverton, 91 (for 5); South London Social, 25. Crown Court, 57; Ebenezer, 28.

WHITE HART LANE MATCHES.

Edmonton Minerva, 66 (for 3); Vebede, 22. Aldenham (3rd), 64; Vernon, 51. St. Paul's, 70 (for 4); Clapton Anchor, 44. Lordship's Park, 77 (for 4); Mintern, 29. St Phillips, 52; Ayres, 19. Lipton's, 82 (for 4, declared); St. Silas, 25 (for 3).

WALTHAMSTOW MATCHES.

Repton, 77 (for 7, declared); All Souls, 66 (for 5). Fenning's Eleven, 68; Henkchel's Athletic, 84 (for 9). St. Peter's Institute, 91 (for 3); Tonson, 17 (for 4). Clapton (2nd), 120 (for 5, declared); Walthamstow Town (2nd, 43. University, 42; Grove, 21. Stock Exchange beat East Ham Atlas by 1 run.

REGENT'S PARK MATCHES.

Owing to heavy rain the inspector in charge of Regent's Park declared the ground unfit for play, and all matches had to be abandoned in consequence.

BOWES PARK MATCHES.

Bowes Church, 74; Royal Masonic, 42. Mr. Clark's XI., 82; Woodgates, 74. Carlton Captain, 91; Vice-Captain, 35. Gordon, 51; Marlborough, 36.

SOUTHGATE MATCHES.

Southgate, 172 (for 6); Southgate Village, 92. Southgate, Adelaide, 59; Brownswood Park, 50. Denham, 60; Collegiate, 28.

PALMER'S GREEN MATCHES.

St. Barnabus (Holloway), 101; Melville, 78. Belmont, 88; Denbeigh, 62.

HARRINGAY MATCHES.

Lawson Athletic, 60 (for 6); Devonshire, 34. Copping's XI., 48; Dewey, 21. Old Clementonians, 43; Union Rovers, 16 (for 7). Mildmay Park Wesleyans, 61 (for 8); Christchurch, 44. G. J. Plunckett's XI., 74; Francis, Day, and Hunter, 48.

WOOD GREEN AND WEST GREEN MATCHES.

Stereoscope, 107 (for 9); Old Noellians, 23. Highgate, 126 (for 2); West Green Rovers, 65 (for 6). Ashby, 65 (for 5, declared); All Saints, 23. Mintern, 76 (for 4, declared); St. Paul's, Hackney, 28. St. Paul's, Haringay, 62 (for 8); St. Paul's, Holloway, 25. Bethnal Green, 74; Shakespeare, 10. Green Lanes Amateurs, 80 (for 4, declared); Drayton Park, 42.

At Witney, Hailey, 53; Eynsham, 168.

At Burgess Hill, Burgess Hill, 205; Thornham's XI., 91 and 81 (for 3).

At Hurstpierpoint, Clifton, 116; Hurst, 73.

At Lewes, St. Michael's, 250 (for 1) (Wovey 168 not out); St. Bartholomew's, 12.

At Portslade, Easthill, 75; St. Mary's Recreation, 21.

At Steyning, Steyning, 133 (for 4); Excelsior, 81.

At Mitcham, Mitcham Rovers, 90 (for 7); Old Buffers, 42.

At Clapton, Clapton, 69; Walthamstow Town, 37 (for 4).

At Crayford, Crayford Y.M.F.S., 85; Wilmington, 51.

At Edmonton, Bees, 122 (for 9, declared); Edmonton, 43 (for 5).

At Edmonton, Edmonton, 235; St. Jude's, 20 (for 3).

At Willesden, Westbourne Park Institute, 58; Augustine's Church, 56.

At Sydenham, Milton, 84; Park, 49.

At Winchmore Hill, Winchmore Hill, 107 (for 7); Christ Church Guild, 26.

At Hampstead, Kensington Park, 47 and 65; Hampstead, 42.

At Leyton, Leyton, 146 (for 1, declared); Crouch End, 21.

At Sydenham, Milton, 43; Lawford, 17.

At Addiscombe, Addiscombe, 83 (for 6); Chislehurst, 43.

At Bromley, Bromley, 95; Clarke's XI., 62.

At Catford, Catford, 59; Clapham, 37.

At Oval, One and All, 123 (for 5); Stanley did not bat.

At Masterman's Ground, Old Clementonians, 22; Union Rovers, 24.

At St. Margaret's, Foundry, 31; St. Stephen's, 28.

At Acton, Belgrave, 119 (for 5, declared); West Middlesex, 14 (for 2).

At Loughton, Clapton Wanderers, 72; Loughton, 110 (for 3).

At Crouch End, Highgate, 125 (for 2, declared); West Green, 65 (for 6).

At Crouch End, Old Holloway Collegians (2nd), 58; Crouch End, 55.

At Crouch End, Mount View, 94; Holloway College, 60 (for 9).

ATHLETICS.

BLACKHEATH HARRIERS' SPORTS.

These annual sports were held at Catford, with the following results:—

Half-mile Challenge Cup Race (members).—B. Baldry (holder), 1; H. F. Pash, 2. Pash made the whole of the running until near the winning post, when Baldry got by, and won by a yard. Time, 2min 5 4-5sec.

100 Yards Handicap (open).—Final heat: G. L. Davis, Unity A.C., 6½ yards start, 1; H. W. Wales, Finchley H., 10½, 2; E. G. Castell, Wandle H., 7½, 3. Won by inches only; a foot between the next 2. Time, 10 3-5sec.

Quarter-mile Scratch Cycle Race.—Final heat: J. Mac. W. Bourke, St. George's Hospital A.C., 1; P. W. Brown, Polytechnic C.C., 2; F. Burnand, Catford C.C., 3. This was the official decision, though Brown appeared to win by half a yard; Burnand a close third. Time, 31 3-5sec.

Quarter-mile Flat Handicap (open).—Final heat: A. G. Butler, St. Mary's Hospital A.C., scratch, 1; A. V. Marsh, Finchley H., 10 yards start, 2; W. Davis, Cardiff Harlequins A.C., 14, 3; M. Reichart, S.C.H., 15, 4. Won by half a yard; same distance between second and third, 2 yards between third and fourth. Time, 51sec.

Half-mile Cycle Handicap (open).—Final heat: J. H. Neil, London Devonians C.C., 105 yards start, 1; F. W. Weatherley, Catford C.C., 2; R. F. Harding, Tooting B.C., 50, 3. Won by 10 yards; 5 yards between second and third. Time, 58 3-5sec.

One Mile Flat Handicap (open).—A. E. Baker, St. Peter's Institute H., 105 yards start, 1; C. E. Lofts, Belgrave H., 105, 2; J. Binks, Wandle H., 80, 3. 38 competed. Won by 15 yards; 10 yards between second and third. Time, 4min 25 3-5sec.

Half-mile Steeplechase (open).—H. W. G. Lescombe, Blackheath H., 25 yards start, 1; W. Ward, Finchley H., 65, 2; R. Rodick, Tee-to-Tum A.C., 55, 3. Won by 15 yards; 4 yards between second and third. Time, 2min 15 1-5sec.

One Mile Steeplechase Challenge Cup.—S. T. Pyrke, 1; H. F. Pash, 0. Won easily. Pash did not finish. Time, 4min 55sec.

HOSPITAL SPORTS.

At the Spotted Dog Grounds, Upton, the 10th annual Children's West Ham Hospital sports took place before an enormous attendance. The band of the 4th V.B. Essex Regiment gave splendid selections during the afternoon. Details:—

100 Yards Open Handicap.—Final heat: F. Carter, Essex Beagles, 2½ yards start, 1†; H. Sutherland, Victoria A.A.C., 7½, 2†; H. H. Smith, Finchley H., 4½, 3. On the dead heat being run off, Carter won by 3 inches.

One Mile Open Handicap.—A. Brown (St. Martin A.C.), 115 yards start, 1; A. R. Rite (Columbia H.), 145, 2; W. J. Pearce (St. Peter's J.H.), 65, 3. Won by 14 yards; 5 yards between second and third.

220 Yards Open Handicap (Old Boys).—Final heat: J. Bissell, 15 yards start, 1; A. V. Banks, 15, 2; W. T. Knowles, 18, 3. Won by 2 yards; third close up.

100 Yards Boys (under 11).—Final heat: G. Louden, 1; F. Allison, 2; E. Wilson, 3. Won by 3 yards.

Single Skipping Rope Race (girls under 11).—Final heat: M. Cuthbert, 1; E. Golding, 2; S. Cooper, 3. Won by a yard.

100 Yards Boys' (over 11).—Final heat: A. Bullivant, 1; E. Booth, 2; F. Trandle, 3. Won by half a yard.

220 Yards (boys over 14).—Final Heat: A. Bullivant, 1; C. Pearce, 2; H. Downes, 3. Won by inches.

Three-Legged Race (100 yards).—Final Heat: J. Veysey and T. Burton, 1; E. Booth and J. Norris, 2; R. Dickenson and H. Lloyd, 3. Won by 2 yards.

Needle and Thread Race (80 yards).—Final Heat: M. Cuthbert, 1; T. Barry, 2; J. Gibson, 3. Won by a yard.

150 Yards (Boys under 14).—Final heat: E. Booth, 1; J. Trandle, 2; R. Tyler, 3. Won by a yard.

80 Yards Single Skipping Rope Race (girls over 11).—Final heat: A. Lighton, 1; B. Stoffel, 2; R. Dexter, 3. Won by 2 yards.

In Tug-of-War St. Paul's School beat Elmhurst School, and West Ham School beat St. Antony School in final heats.

NEWSPAPER SPORTS AT PUTNEY.

At the Putney Velodrome. Results:—

100 Yards Handicap.—E. C. Williams, 10 yards, 1; E. Carne, 8, 2; F. Sloan, 10, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 10 4-5sec.

One Mile Bicycle Handicap.—J. A. Freeman, 110 yards, 1; E. P. Clarke, 110, 2; W. G. Morden, 180, 3. Won by 15 yards. Time, 2min 21sec.

100 Yards Veterans' Handicap.—A. Hall, 16 yards, 1; L. Trice, 5, 2; H. Hawkins, 20, 3. Won by 2 yards. Time, 12sec.

One Mile Walking Handicap.—A. Manger, 110 yards, 1; E. G. Whyte, 210, 2; O. K. Macdougall, scratch, 3. Won by 25 yards. Time, 8min 22 2-5sec.

Three Miles Bicycle Handicap.—S. H. Hart, 200 yards, 1; J. A. Freeman, 310, 2; A. Humphrey, 330, 3. Won by 50 yards. Time, 7min 40 3-5sec.

250 Yards Handicap.—F. Sloan, 20 yards, 1; J. W. Anderson, 18, 2; J. R. Cummings, 16, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 29 2-5sec.

One Mile Flat Handicap.—E. Carne, 160 yards, 1; F. Hall, 200, 2; W. A. Harvey, 70, 3. Won easily. Time, 4min 56 3-5sec.

10 Miles Inter-team Bicycle Race.—"Daily Chronicle," 1; "Financial Post," 2. The winning team supplied the first 4 men home, viz., J. J. Stolte, 1; A. J. Smith, 2; S. H. Hart, 3; E. P. Clarke, 4. Time, 27min 51sec.

WELLINGTON POLO CLUB.

The Wellington Polo Club held its annual gymkhana on their ground, Wellington College, near Aldershot. The heavy rain of the morning caused all concerned much anxiety as to whether or not the fixture would have to be abandoned, but, fortunately, shortly before the time announced for the opening race brilliant sunshine succeeded the rain, and the afternoon proved all that could be desired. Brief details:—

Bending Race (in and out of 3 sets of poles placed closely together).—Final heat: Mr. Crosbie's Nun won by a length.

Tandem Race.—Mr. Crosbie's Nun and Eileen, 1; Mr. Kenyon-Fuller's Santusia and Moses, 2; Mr. Kenyon-Fuller had a second string but they bolted, and ran as far as Wokingham before being stopped. This was a good race between first and second, honours being secured by a short distance only.

Potato Race.—Mr. Kenyon-Fuller's Moses, 1; Mr. Hazell's Manxman, 2. Won with the greatest of ease.

Hurlle Race.—Mr. Hardwick's Bluebottle, 1; Mr. Le Champion's Marguerite, 2. Won by 6 lengths.

Victoria Cross Race.—Mr. Kenyon-Fuller's Moses, 1; Mr. Kenyon-Fuller's Punchinello, 2. An easy win.

Polo Cup Flat Race.—Mr. H. Crichton's Miss Common, 1; Mr. Gibson's Pelican, 2. A rattling pace was set and continued to the finish, Miss Common, splendidly ridden, winning by about a length.

Stick and Ball Race (round the whole course).—Mr. Kenyon-Fuller's Guano, 1; Mr. Crombie's Eileen, 2. A gift to the winner, who passed the post 200 yards ahead of the others.

Flat Race.—Mr. Crichton's Miss Common, 1; Mr. Wade's Rose, 2. Won by 2 lengths; neck divided second and third.

Donkey Race in Harness.—Mr. Hazell's Duchess of York, 1; Mr. Edwin Tomlinson's Buluwayo, 2. The event was a most amusing one, several of the competing donkeys being most obstinate.

Obstacle Race.—Mr. H. Crichton's Nora Creime, 1; Mrs. Brougham's The Gosscon, 2. Nora Creime won throughout.

Hurdle Race (Open).—Mr. Gibson's Pelican, 1; Mr. H. Crichton's Golden Drop, 2. Finest race of the day, and won, after a punishing finish, by a little over a length.

MINERVA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

The members of this association held their annual sports on the Athletic Ground, Lee. Results:—

120 Yards Handicap.—J. Railton, 6 yards start, 1; J. Gillett, 9, 2; D. King, 10, 3. Won by a foot. Time, 12 2-5sec.

300 Yards Handicap.—T. H. Gibb, 20 yards start, 1; G. H. Warrell, 15, 2; H. Sandwith, 18, 3. Won by 4 yards. Time, 35sec.

120 Yards Hurdle Handicap.—R. A. Holywell, owes 7 yards, 1; A. W. Short, owes 15, 2; J. M'Teare, owes 18, 3. Time, 15 4-5sec.

One Mile Bicycle Handicap.—A Cock, scratch, 1; J. H. Hewett, 120, 2; E. W. Moore, 60, 3. Won easily.

One Mile Walking Handicap.—H. T. M. Taylor, 130 yards, 1; W. J. Brooke, scratch, 2; F. Johnstone, scratch, 3. Won by 8 yards. Time, 8min 5 2-5sec.

One Mile Handicap.—W. Exell, 140 yards, 1; S. Shearer, 110, 2; A. Smith, 120, 3. Won by 12 yards. Time, 4min 58 3-5sec.

Tug-of-War.—E. H. Banks' team beat W. Gill's team.

STICK AND UMBRELLA TRADES' SPORTS.

The following were the results at the annual meeting of the Stick and Umbrella Trades' A.A.C., at Stamford Hill.

100 Yards Handicap.—H. Wright, 6½ yards start, 1; W. H. Schwerer, 14, 2; A. E. Grainger, 7, 3. Won by a foot. Time, 10 2-5sec.

Half Mile Bicycle Handicap (Open).—A. E. Nicholls, Polytechnic C.C., 35 yards start, 1; G. F. Payne, West Roads C.C., 40, 2; H. W. Payne, West Roads C.C., scratch, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 10 2-5sec.

One Mile Handicap (Open).—S. F. Duncan, Highgate H., 83 yards start, 1; C. W. Perry, Tee-To-Tum., 100, 2; J. J. Maylow, Tee-To-Tum, scratch, 3. Won by 4 yards. Time, 4min 37 1-5sec.

Half Mile Handicap.—F. Day, 70 yards, 1; F. A. Rettig, 120, 2; L. C. Freeman, 20, 3. Won by 2 yards. Time, 2min 4 4-5sec.

100 ards Veterans' Handicap.—S. Payne, 10 yards start, 1; E. Shrosbree, 3, 2. Won by 6 inches. Time, 12 2-5sec.

Five Miles Scratch Bicycle Race.—H. W. Payne, 1; G. F. Payne, 2; E. W. Forster, 3.

One Mile Walking Handicap.—T. Tester, 300 yards start, 1; W. Hustwayte, 235, 2; W. A. Atkins, 280, 3. Won by 20 yards. Time, 6min 51 4-5sec.

WEST SILVERTOWN AND CRITERION CYCLING CLUB'S SPORTS.

At the South-west Ham Cricket Ground. Results:—

One Mile Open Bicycle Handicap.—Final heat: A. F. Sadler, Amis, scratch, 1; G. J. Johnson, Goldhawk, 60 yds, 2; J. H. Bishop, Tredegar, 55, 3. Won by 4 yards; 3 yards separating the next two. Time, 2 min. 28 sec.

One Mile Open Flat Handicap.—J. Proctor, Tee-to-Tum A.C., 35 yds, 1; H. S. Sanders, 25, 2. Won easily, only 2 finishing. Time, 4 min. 48 sec.

West Silvertown Five Miles Club Championship.—C. F. Sanderson, 1; H. Cherry, 2; W. A. Collier, 3. Time, 14 min. 40 1-5 sec.

Criterion One Mile Club Handicap.—Final heat: J. Maxwell, 120 yds, 1; R. Long, 60, 2; J. Battleday, 80, 3. Won by 10 yards. Time, 2 min. 31 3-5 sec.

West Silvertown One Mile Club Handicap.—Final heat: F. Harman, 90 yds, 1; H. Cherry, 130, 2; R. Stephings, 185, 3. Won by yards. Time, 2 min. 25 2-5 sec.

West Silvertown Half-mile Club Handicap.—Final heat: C. F. Sanderson, scratch, 1; H. Cherry, 75 yds, 2; C. Maxey, 110, 3. Time, 1 min. 9 4-5 sec.

Criterion Half-mile Club Handicap.—Final heat: J. Battleday, 40 yds, 1; J. Maxwell, 60, 2; A. Dale, 70, 3. Time, 1 min. 13 sec.

"BLACK AND WHITE" ATHLETIC CLUB.

The annual meeting in connection with this club was held at the Welsh Harp, Hendon. Results:—

120 Yards Handicap (ages 20 to 30).—Final heat: E. H. Rushton, 7½ yards start, 1; H. Quinton, 10, 2; R. enes, 15, 3. Won by a yard.

100 Yards Handicap (ages over 40).—S. Brittain, 14½ yards start, 1; W. Lawrence, scratch, 2. Won by a yard.

100 Yards Handicap (ages 30 to 40).—R. Grasby, 7 yards start, 1; G. Scholery, 11, 2; H. Martin, 17, 3. Won by a foot.

Half-mile Club Handicap.—E. A. Rushton, 130 yards start, 1; A. Webster, 115, 2; H. Quinton, 115, 3. Won by 4 yards.

220 Yards Handicap (under 20).—O. Haider, 15 yards start, 1; A. Hanwell, 30, 2. Won by 2 yards.

120 Yards Club Handicap.—Final heat: H. R. Atkins, 12 yards start, 1; A. Hanwell, 12, 2; W. J. Fowler, scratch, 3. Won by half a yard.

150 Yards Handicap (under 14).—G. Richardsonardson, 2 yards start, 1; A. Ross, scratch, 2.

100 Yards Ladies' Race.—Miss Tott, 1; Miss Thurlow, 2; Miss Baker, 3.

One Mile Handicap.—H. Quinton, 265 yards start, 1; J. Billing, 240, 2; O. Harder, 260, 3.

120 Yards Consolation Race.—H. White, 7 yards start, 1.

MERTON ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The 9th annual meeting of the Merton Boys and Manor Clubs was held yesterday at Manor Farm. Results:—

Throwing Cricket Ball.—Juniors: Clarta. Seniors: C. Corke. Manor: Nightingale, 1; W. Cork, 2.

100 Yards Scratch.—Junior Boys: Clarta, 1; A. M'Bean, 2; A. Corke, 3. Senior Boys: Cole, 1; Cuff, 2; C. Corke, 3.

Quarter-mile Handicap.—Senior Boys: Howell, 25 yards, 1; Cuff, scratch, 2; Henson, 15, 3.

120 Yards Handicap.—Manor: Bass, 5 yards, 1; Allen, 5, 2; West, 3, 3.

Long Jump.—Cole, 1.

Half-mile Scratch.—Junior Boys: Clarta, 1; A. M'Bean, 2.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—Manor: W. Nightingale. Senior Boys: Cole.

120 Yards Inter-club Team Race.—Boys' Club v. Manor: This match aroused considerable interest, and was evenly contested, the boys winning a splendid race by 3 points. Scores:—Boys: Taylor, 1; Cole, 2; Cuff, 6; total, 9 points. Manor: Milledge, 3; Baker, 4; Rising, 5; total, 12 points.

Half-mile Handicap.—Senior Boys: Shorter, 40 yards, 1; Howell, 55, 2; Cuff, 30, 3.

Three-legged Race.—The Brothers M'Bean, 1; Whiskers and Corke, 2.

Tug-of-War.—Manor: Button's team beat Nightingale's. Boys: Cole's team beat Cuff's.

One Mile Scratch Race.—In this W. Spencer, who was penalised 50 yards, won in grand form; Howell was second and M'Arthy third, whilst a promising youngster, Lofthouse, finished a good fourth.

Sack Race.—Lofthouse.

Obstacle Race.—W. Spencer, who showed good all-round form, again secured this, Shorter being second and G. M'Bean third.

Consolation Race.—Corke, 1; Rhodes, 2; Lofthouse, 3.

Climbing Greasy Pole.—W. Spencer also succeeded here, the prize being a leg of mutton.

KENNINGTON HARRIERS.

The members of this club decided 2 events at Hyde Farm, Balham, with the following results:—

100 Yards Handicap.—F. W. Burton, 3 yards start, and J. J. Coulson, 6½ yards, dead heated for first place, but on running off Coulson won after a splendid race, by a yard.

One Mile Handicap.—F. W. Burton, 10 yards start, 1; J. Claydon, 50, 2. Won by 5 yards.

METROGAS A.C. SPORTS.

At Devonshire Grove, these sports resulted as follows:—

100 Yards Handicap.—Final heat: H. Grinshaw, 9½ yards start, 1; E. Bunnett, 8, 2; T. Goldsmith, scratch, 3. Won on the post; third close up.

One Lap Slow Bicycle Race.—Final heat: J. H. Cooley, 1; S. Townsend, 2; G. Fosbury, 3. Won by 3 yards; bad third.

Half-mile Handicap.—C. Glasier, 30 yards start, 1; F. Haynes, 105, 2; T. Holland, scratch, 3. 13 started. Won by a yard; same distance between second and third.

5 Miles Bicycle Handicap.—J. Young, 1 laps 100 yards start, 1; A. Dove, 300, 2; J. Poynter, 1 lap 50 yards, 3. A grand race. Wo nby 2 yards; a similar margin between second and third.

YACHTING.

BURNHAM YACHT CLUB.

This club's race was for yachts over 5 tons round the club course. A good start was made at 3.35; wind east, gradually dying away. Very tedious finish. Messrs. Satterthwaite and Galloway's Camilla was an easy winner, Mr. Ashcroft's Growler being second, and Messrs. Sainsbury and Higgins's third, on corrected time.

SUSSEX Y.C.

Only the race for the principal class of boats took place at Southwick. Result: Mandola (Mr. J. Payne), 1; Atherine (Mr. G. Courtney), 2; Rathe II. (Capt. Davidson), 3.

LAWN TENNIS.

BOURNEMOUTH OPEN TOURNAMENT.

Only 1 match was left for decision at this meeting, the final tie of the Ladies' Singles Handicap. In the semi-final round Miss A. Ransome, owes 2—6, had defeated Miss J. Retallack, 1—6, while Miss Pinckney, owes 30, had been victorious over Miss Elphinstone, owes 1—6. The final should have been played off in the afternoon, but, owing to heavy rain in the morning, Miss Ransome and Miss Pinckney agreed to divide.

QUOITS.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

At Cheltenham. The English team included G. Graham (champion), Sergt. Balfour, of Reading, Wales having W. Price and W. Herbert, of Brynmawr. Great interest was taken in the match, it being the first of its kind. Several good games took place, notably those between Williams and Price, the former winning by 1 point. G. Graham, English champion, also played well, as did Gregory for Wales, but throughout the game England held the upper hand, the final reading—England, 302; Wales, 209.

SWIMMING.

EVERSFIELD S.C.—The annual 220 yards scratch race resulted in T. Smith winning; C. James was second, and E. Martin third. Won easily.

FULHAM S.C.—50 Yards Handicap. Result: T. Rogers, 10sec start, 1; M. Stratton, 2sec, 2; T. Rowe, scratch, 3. Won by a yard.

STANLEY S.C.—A 60 yards handicap resulted: T. Davis, scratch, 1; H. Hartley, 14sec start, 2; C. Clark, 4sec, 3. Won by 2 feet; moderate third.

WALHAM S.C.—100 Yards Handicap. Result: T. Lucas, 12sec start, 1; E. Kerrell, 18sec, 2; C. Watford, 2sec, 3. Won by 2 yards.

THE MANOR S.C.—The 100 yards handicap of this club resulted as follows:—C. Jackson, 15sec start, 1; E. Crouch, 12, 2; C. Wallis, 16, 3. Won by 2 yards; good third.

WOOLLAND S.C.—40 yards handicap. Result:—E. Jenkins, 14sec start, 1; R. Johnson, scratch, 2; C. Watts, 1, 3. Won by a yard; 3 yards dividing the next two.

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